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Chronological Roll

NOTE—Figures on left indicate the year of admission into the Traveling Connection. The figures on the right denote the number of years the pastor has served the charge.

YEAR	NAME	NATIVITY	ADDRESS	YEAR
1902.....	Basket, J. R.....	Tennessee.....	Texas City, Tex.....	1
1908.....	Bolton, Wm. F.....	Louisiana.....	Vivian, La.,.....	2
1904.....	Carruth, J. A.....	Mississippi.....	Lake Charles, La.....	1
.....	Crawford, R. L.....	Louisiana.....	.....	.....
1908.....	Duplantis, J. C.....	Louisiana.....	New Orleans, La., 1537 Calliope St.....	1
1911.....	Ferguson, E. A.....	Illinois.....	Mt. Vernon, Ill.....	1
1907.....	Germany, W. H.....	Mississippi.....	Overton, Tex.....	2
1902.....	Harrison, W. E.....	Louisiana.....	Meridian, Miss.....	.....
1911.....	Harper, Geo. L.....	Louisiana.....	Lufkin, Tex.....	1
1903.....	Hervey, J. W.....	Texas.....	Hughes Spgs., Tex.....	3
1900.....	Hines, G. B.....	Texas.....	New Orleans, La., 1537 Calliope St.....	3
1897.....	Houck, E. R.....	Illinois.....	Jennings, La.....	3
1859.....	King, Cyrus A.....	Maine.....	Lake Charles, La.....	Super'ate
1908.....	LaGrone, J. W.....	Texas.....	Port Arthur, Tex.....	5
1898.....	Lively, John W.....	Arkansas.....	Marshall, Texas.....	Super'ate
1900.....	McCain, Henry H.....	Louisiana.....	Lake Charles, La.....	4
1908.....	McClure, R. O.....	Kentucky.....	Lutcher, La.....	2
1902.....	Mann, W. C.....	Texas.....	DeRidder, La.....	5
1902.....	May, Louis.....	Louisiana.....	Crowley, La.....	5
1911.....	Newton, Wm. R.....	.....	Bayou Chene, La.....	1
1891.....	Oliver, N. H.....	Pennsylvania.....	Longleaf, La.....	Super'ary
1911.....	Pointer, J. D.....	.....	Iowa, La.....	1
1907.....	Pyne, R. T.....	Alabama.....	Atlanta, Tex.....	2
1898.....	Sayers, N. L.....	Pennsylvania.....	Kinder, La.....	2
1908.....	Simpson, F. M.....	Mississippi.....	Harleton, Tex.....	2
1908.....	Smith, R. R.....	Texas.....	Woodville, Tex.....	2
1905.....	Swanson, Thos. F.....	Texas.....	DeRidder, La.....	2
1911.....	Swanson, R. G.....	Texas.....	.....	1
1900.....	VanVolkinburg FD	New York.....	New Orleans, La.....	Super'ate
1904.....	Webb, Thos. E.....	Tennessee.....	Welsh, La.....	2
1905.....	Weldon, R. L.....	Louisiana.....	Marshall, Tex.....	4
1871.....	Wilson, Thomas.....	Ireland.....	Sabine Pass, Tex.....	Super'ate
1898.....	Woodson, Julian.....	Tennessee.....	Jefferson, Tex.....	Super'ate
1911.....	Zito, Francisco.....	Italy.....	New Orleans, La.....	3

The names in italics are undergraduates.

Probationers

YEAR	NAME	NATIVITY	ADDRESS	YEAR
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FOURTH YEAR

1907	Cassells, D. H.	Mississippi	Gloster, Miss.	1
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SECOND YEAR

1910	Beadle, J. H.	Louisiana	Port Barre, La.	2
1910	Ensign, F. J.	LaPorte, Tex.	2
1910	Faulk, H. K.	Louisiana	Port Arthur, Tex.	1
1910	Kenna, J. B.	Mississippi	Hughes Spgs., Tex.	1
1910	Miner, G. B.	Indiana	Marthaville, La.	1

FIRST YEAR

1911	Beaseley, C. C. ....	.....	Ebenezer, La.	1
1911	Bell, B. T.	Texas	Beckville, Tex.	1
1911	Bolton, G. W.	Louisiana	Dry Prong, La.	1
1908	Edwards, S. W.	Mississippi	Jayuya, P. R.	Mis'onary
1911	Ellis, R. R. ....	.....	Gloster, Miss.	1
1908	Hayes, Daniel.	Louisiana	Kinder, La.	1
1911	Hardin, E. N.	Kentucky	Orange, La.	1
1911	Harper, A. L.	Louisiana	Longleaf, La.	1

SUPPORT OF VETERANS.

WHEREAS, THE SUPPORT OF OUR SUPERANUATES IS ALTOGETHER INADEQUATE; AND, WHEREAS, WE COULD RAISE MORE IF WE PUT FORTH THE EFFORT, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT OUR CONFERENCE RAISE THE SUM OF \$525 THE COMING YEAR FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS; AND THAT THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS BE REQUESTED TO APPORTION THE ABOVE SUM TO THE SEVERAL CHARGES; AND THEN OBSERVE THE DISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENTS AS TO ITS COLLECTION.

C. A. KING, H. H. MCCAIN, J. W. HERVEY, G. B. HINES, W. C. MANN, J. R. BASKT, E. R. HOUCK, J. A. CARRUTH.—Board of Stewards.

Conference Chronology

GULF MISSION.

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1893	Jan. 19	Jennings, La.	E. G. Andrews	C. K. Woodson
1894	Jan. 25	Lake Charles, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1895	Jan. 24	Crawley, La.	Thos. Bowman	C. K. Woodson
1896	Jan. 23	Jennings, La.	J. N. Fitzgerald	C. K. Woodson

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE.

1897	Jan. 21	Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1898	Feb. 3	Crowley, La.	W. X. Ninde	C. K. Woodson
1899	Feb. 2	Lake Charles, La.	S. M. Merrill	C. K. Woodson
1900	Feb. 1	Marshall, Texas	I. W. Joyce	L. W. Elkins
1901	Jan. 17	Jennings, La.	H. W. Warren	C. W. Campbell
1902	Jan. 30	Lake Charles, La.	C. D. Foss	C. W. Campbell
1903	Feb. 3	Port Arthur, Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu	C. C. Morris

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1904	Feb. 4	Hughes Spgs., Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu	John Paul
1905	Feb. 2	Gloster, Miss.	H. Spellmeyer	F. F. Fitch
1905	Dec. 1	Welsh, La.	L. B. Wilson	W. E. Harrison
1906	Nov. 15	Marshall, Texas	L. B. Wilson	J. R. Basket
1907	Dec. 19	Jennings, La.	William Burt	J. R. Basket
1908	Dec. 17	Lake Charles, La.	Wm. A. Quayle	J. R. Basket
1909	Dec. 16	Port Arthur, Tex.	T. B. Neely	J. R. Basket
1910	Dec. 15	Welsh, La.	T. B. Neely	H. H. McCain
1911	Dec. 13	Marshall, Tex.	T. B. Neely	H. H. McCain

Standing Committees

American Bible Society.

F. M. Simpson, Louis May, G. W. Bolton.

Book Concern and Periodicals.

W. H. Germany, J. C. Duplantis, A. L. Harper.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

T. E. Webb, G. B. Miner, R. L. Weldon.

Education.

J. C. Duplantis, T. F. Swanson, J. B. Kenna.

Standing Committees---Continued

Freedman's Aid Society.

E. R. Houck, R. T. Pynes, E. N. Hardin.

Epworth League.

F. J. Ensign, W. H. Germany, N. L. Sayers.

Foreign Missions.

J. A. Carruth, R. R. Smith, W. R. Newton.

Episcopal Fund.

The District Superintendents.

Conference Relations.

J. A. Carruth, H. H. McCain, R. L. Weldon.

General Qualifications.

H. H. McCain, E. R. Houck, R. L. Weldon.

Auditing.

R. O. McClure, R. T. Pynes, W. F. Bolton.

Public Worship.

Pastor and District Superintendent.

Resolutions.

F. D. VanVolkinburgh, N. L. Sayers, B. T. Bell.

Sabbath Observance.

W. E. Harrison, J. H. Beadle, R. R. Ellis.

State of the Church.

J. W. LaGrone, J. W. Lively, J. Woodson.

Sunday Schools.

Louis May, J. E. Scott, G. L. Harper.

Temperance.

R. T. Pynes, C. C. Beasley, J. D. Pointer.

Connectional Fund.

H. H. McCain, R. O. McClure, R. T. Pynes.

Publishing Journal.

The Secretary.

Conference Boards

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Conference Boards----Continued

Board of Foreign Missions.

The District Superintendents: J. A. Carruth, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann and J. W. Hervey.

District Epworth League Presidents.

Southern District: Thos. E. Webb, Welsh, La.
New Orleans District: Thomas H. Wilson, New Orleans, La.
North Louisiana District: W. F. Bolton, Vivian, La.
East Texas District: W. H. Germany, Overton, Texas.

Sunday School Superintendents.

Southern District: W. E. Cline, Lake Charles, La.
New Orleans District: Dr. R. A. Fuller, Flint Medical College, New Orleans, La.
North Louisiana District: D. R. Weldon, Marthaville, La.
East Texas District: C. V. Palmer, Port Arthur, Tex

District Missionary Secretaries.

Southern District: Henry H. McCain, Lake Charles, La.
New Orleans District: G. B. Hines, 1537 Calliope St., New Orleans, La.
North Louisiana District: Thomas F. Swanson, DeRidder, La.
East Texas District: Frank J. Ensign, La Porte, Texas.

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The Journal

FIRST DAY—Wednesday, December 13, 1911

The ninth session of the Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Marshall, Tex., Wednesday, December 13, 1911, at 8:30 A. M. Bishop Thomas B. Neely presiding.

OPENING DEVOTIONS;—Alas and Did My Savior Bleed was sung, after which the Bishop assisted by the District Superintendents administered the Holy Communion.

ROLL CALL;—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, twenty-six answering to their names as follows: J. R. Basket, J. A. Carruth, J. C. Duplantis, W. H. Germany, J. W. Hervey, G. B. Hines, W. W. LaGrone, W. C. Mann, J. W. Lively, E. R. Houck, Louis May, H. H. McCain, R. O. McClure, R. T. Pynes, N. L. Sayers, F. M. Simpson, T. F. Swanson, F. D. Van Volkinburgh, T. E. Webb, R. L. Weldon, G. L. Harper, J. H. Beadle, F. J. Ensign, H. K. Faulk, J. B. Kenna, F. Zeto.

SECRETARY;—On motion of J. R. Basket, H. H. McCain was elected secretary; and on his motion W. H. Germany and R. O. McClure were elected assistants.

STATISTICIAN;—On motion, R. L. Weldon was elected Statistician; and on his motion, J. B. Kenna and J. W. LaGrone were elected assistants.

TREASURER;—On motion, T. E. Webb was elected Treasurer; and on his motion, J. A. Carruth and F. J. Ensign were elected assistants.

QUESTION FIFTEEN;—Who have been transferred and to what Conference? B. F. Deaton and Cuthbert L. Elliott, to the Central Tennessee Conference.

QUESTION TWO;—Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference? G. B. Miner, from Georgia Conference, On Trial in the First Year.

The Journal---Continued

QUESTION ONE;—Is this Conference incorporated according to the requirement of the Discipline? It is.

QUESTION FOURTEEN;—Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done in open Conference as the name of each was called as follows: J. W. Hervey, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann, J. R. Basket, R. L. Weldon, J. A. Carruth, Louis May, E. R. Houck, N. L. Sayers, H. H. McCain, T. E. Webb.

QUESTION TWENTY-THREE;—Who are the Supernumerary preachers? N. H. Oliver and B. F. Deaton. On motion of J. R. Basket, B. F. Deaton was made effective and was transferred to the Central Tennessee Conference by the Bishop as per Question Fifteen.

QUESTION TWENTY-FOUR;—Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Thomas Wilson, Julian Woodson, C. A. King, F. D. Van Volkinburgh, J. W. Lively.

ADDRESSES;—F. D. Van Volkinburgh addressed the Conference giving many interesting experiences of pioneer days, J. W. Lively gave an interesting and instructive report of his pastorate this year as supply, which was in his usual graphic style to the delight of all.

TIME OF SESSIONS;—On motion of R. L. Weldon the following order was announced: Devotional hour 8:30 A. M., Business 8:45 A. M., Address by Bishop Neely at 11:30 A. M., and Adjournment at 12 M.

BAR OF CONFERENCE;—On motion of H. H. McCain, the first three pews in the center and two on either side were fixed as the Bar of the Conference.

ELECTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES;—On motion of J. R. Basket, Friday, December 15, after the Admission of Candidates into the Conference, he designated as the hour for the election of the Ministerial Delegates to the General Conference.

AMENDMENT;—It was moved and carried that the proposed Amendment to the Constitution be voted on at the same time.

STANDING COMMITTEES;—J. R. BASKET for the Dist. Supts. nominated the following Standing Committees: American

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Bible Society, Book Concern and Periodicals, Home Missions and Church Extension, Education, Freedman's Aid Society, Epworth League, Foreign Missions, Episcopal Fund, Conference Relations, General Qualifications, Auditing, Public Worship, Resolutions, Sabbath Observance, State of the Church, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Connectional Funds, Publishing Journal. (See list.)

INTRODUCTIONS;—Dr. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society was introduced, and spoke in appreciation of this his first visit to the Gulf Conference. He mentioned the great slump in the collection for this Society; and announced that a special call has been made for \$200,000.00 to be raised before the General Conference meeting in May next.

Dr. E. C. Clemans, Field Representative of the Board of Conference Claimants was introduced and spoke in his enthusiastic and interesting manner in behalf of the Veteran Preacher. His expression of gratification for the growth of the Gulf Conference was greatly appreciated. His announcement of the draft of \$300 for the Veterans of the Conference, which was double that of last year was received with applause.

REMARKS;—G. B. Hines addressed the Conference concerning the interest that is now being taken in our work in the South, particularly in the Gulf Conference; thus expressing the appreciation of all concerning this fact.

METHODIST REVIEW;—A communication from the Book Concern requested the appointment of Louis May as agent, was on motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS;—Dr. L. B. Elrod, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; Rev. W. W. Gollighugh, Pastor of the North Side Methodist Episcopal Church South; and Rev. J. L. Brasher, Conference Evangelist of the Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church were introduced.

NOMINATIONS;—J. R. Basket nominated F. D. Van Volkinburgh reporter for the press; R. L. Weldon nominated E. R. Houck reporter for the Central Christian Advocate and Methodist Advocate Journal; and Thos. F. Swanson Conference Post Master.

The Journal---Continued

PRIVILEGE;—On motion the visiting brethren were invited to sit within the Bar of the Conference.

ADDRESS;—The hour for the address by Bishop Neely having arrived, the Bishop spoke in his usual interesting and instructive way, on The History of the Methodist Episcopal Church from its beginning, with the organization in 1784 and the evolution of the General Conference to its present status.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;—R. L. Weldon announced the regular order of the day for each service. The Chairman of each Committee announced the time and place of meeting.

ADJOURNMENT;—On motion the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. W. S. Bovard, Vice-President, Chattanooga University.

SECOND DAY—Thursday December 14, 1911.

OPENING DEVOTIONS;—The hymn of the morning, My Faith Looks Up To Thee, was heartily sung by all present. Rev. Julian Woodson invoked Divine blessings on the labor of the day.

JOURNAL;—The Journal of the previous day was read by the Secretary and was on motion approved.

QUESTION THREE;—Who have been readmitted? None.

QUESTION FOUR;—Who have been received on credentials and from what churches? On motion of J. R. Basket, Wm. R. Newton was received from the United Brethren Church; and his orders as an Elder were recognized.

QUESTION ELEVEN;—What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? Russell T. Pynes and Willis H. Germany.

Russell T. Pynes was called, his character passed; and on motion of Dist. Supt. J. W. Hervey, he was discharged from the Course of Study and elected to Elder orders.

Willis H. Germany was called, his character passed; and on motion of Dist. Supt. J. W. Hervey, he was discharged from the Course of Study and elected to Elders orders.

QUESTION NINETEEN;—Who have withdrawn? J. W. Faulk.

The Journal---Continued

On motion of District Superintendent J. R. Basket his credentials were marked credited and returned to him.

QUESTION TEN;—What members are in the studies of the Fourth Year? R. O. McClure, F. M. Simpson, W. F. Bolton, J. W. LaGrone, R. R. Smith, T. F. Swanson, and J. C. Duplantis, were called, their characters passed and they were on motion in each case passed from the Third to the Fourth Year.

COMMUNICATIONS;—A word of greeting by wire, was read by the Secretary from Dr. C. B. Spencer.

Bishop Neely presented a communication from the Freedman's Aid Society; and on motion of J. R. Basket the apportionment of \$260 from this Board was ordered apportioned to the several districts and charges.

The Report of the Book Committee was read by the Secretary. The Bishop made remarks concerning the wonderful progress and volume of the Book Concern business, particularly as revealing the business ability of preachers. In this connection he announced the draft from the Book Concern to the Veteran Preacher's Fund to be \$322. The announcement was received with applause. The draft from the Chartered Fund was announced to be \$30.

On motion of W. C. Mann the above drafts were made payable to the Chairman of the Conference Board of Stewards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;—R. L. Weldon announced the reception of a box of books, the gift of Rev. E. C. Boss of Vermont, which were received with thanks; and on motion of W. H. Germany, F. J. Ensign and R. L. Weldon were appointed as a Distributing Committee.

REPORTS;—J. W. Hervey was called and reported the East Texas District.

G. B. Hines was called and reported the New Orleans District.

W. C. Mann was called and reported the North Louisiana District.

J. R. Basket was called and reported the Southern District.

INTRODUCTIONS;—Mrs. E. L. Knostman, President of the Southwestern Dist. of the W. H. M. S., was introduced and spoke in behalf of that Society.

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Dr. David G. Downey, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, was introduced and gave an excellent address on the valuable and necessary work of this Board. G. B. Hines suggested the appointment of a Sunday School Missionary for the Gulf Conference, having the assurance of the assistance of this Board.

Rev. F. M. Boyles, Presiding Elder of the Marshall District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced.

Rev. W. A. Boone, pastor of the local Cumberland Presbyterian church, was introduced.

MOTION;—On motion of H. H. McCain, an executive session was called for 4 P. M.

QUESTION SEVENTEEN;—Who have been located at their own request? None.

QUESTION SIXTEEN;—Who have died? None.

QUESTION TWENTY;—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

QUESTION SEVEN;—Who have been discontinued? M. A. Farr at his own request.

QUESTION SIX;—Who have been continued on Trial.

(a) In Studies of First Year: F. G. Watkins, S. W. Edwards and Daniel Hayes were, on motion in each case, continued in Studies of the First Year.

(b) In Studies of Second Year: J. B. Kenna, F. J. Ensign, G. B. Miner, J. H. Beadle, H. K. Faulk and F. Zito were called, their characters passed, and on motion in each case, they were advanced from the First to the Second Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT;—R. L. Weldon, the pastor announced the changed order of the day.

Dr. David G. Downey announced the following offer:

“On condition that the Gulf Annual Conference raise its full apportionment—\$300 the Board of Sunday Schools agrees to add to said amount the sum of \$500; said sum of \$800, to be used for the employment of a Sunday School Missionary, to work within the bounds of the Gulf Conference, under the direction of the Board of Sunday Schools. It is understood that the personality of the mis-

The Journal---Continued

sionary is to be determined by consultation between the District Superintendents and the office in Chicago."

(Copy) Signed,

DAVID G. DOWNEY, Cor. Sec'y.

ADDRESS;—The address of the morning by Bishop Neely was interesting and profitable. It bore along the line of the proper observance of the Order of Worship for the Sabbath services.

ADJOURNMENT;—The Bishop announced the Conference adjourned by expiration of time, with the singing of the Long-Meter Doxology, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Downey.

THIRD DAY—Friday, December 15, 1911.

DEVOTIONS;—N. L. Sayers conducted the devotions of the morning with the singing of What a Friend We Have in Jesus, and prayer by C. H. LaGrone and F. M. Simpson.

JOURNAL;—The proceedings of the previous session was read and approved with slight corrections.

QUESTION FIVE—Who have been received on Trial? George W. Bolton, Edwin N. Hardin, Albert L. Harper, Charles C. Beaseley, Benjamin T. Bell and Raymond R. Ellis. The reports from the Board of Examiners, the Dist. Supts., and the Committee on General Qualifications being favorable in each case, on motion of their respective Dist. Supts', each were received.

INTRODUCTIONS;—Prof. Samuel H. Thompson, Representative of the Book Concern, and Business Manager of the Methodist Advocate Journal, was introduced and spoke briefly.

RESOLUTION;—J. R. Basket presented a resolution to replace the name of J. D. Pointer in the Class of the Second Year, which was on motion unanimously adopted.

QUESTION TWELVE;—Who have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a) Under the Missionary Rule: Raymond R. Ellis, George W. Bolton, Edwin N. Hardin, George B. Miner, Charles C. Beaseley, Albert L. Harper and Benjamin T. Bell.

QUESTION THIRTEEN;—Who have been elected and ordained Elders? Answered under Question Eleven—Russell T. Pynes and Willis H. Germany.

The Journal---Continued

QUESTION THIRTY-TWO;—Where shall the next Conference be held? Nominations were made for Woodville, Tex., Lutcher, La., and Italian Mission, New Orleans, La. The vote gave the majority to Lutcher, La., and on motion it was made unanimous.

QUESTION EIGHT;—Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year: None. (b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously: Edward A. Fergerson, James D. Pointer, George L. Harper and Francisco Zito. The character of each was passed and on motion in each case, they were passed to the Studies of the Third Year, and admitted into full membership.

INTRODUCTIONS;—Rev. R. F. Swanson, of the Free Methodist Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Charles M. Boswell, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced and spoke briefly, but to the point concerning the work of this important Board.

ADDRESS;—To the Class for Ordination, Bishop Neely gave an address of wonderful breadth, depth and clearness, on the opportunity and privileges of the ministry. Special emphasis was laid on the surrender of the right to choose the field of labor when entering Conference; and likewise, the relation of the churches to the pastoral appointments of the preachers, which right they also surrendered. The value of Discipline and order in the administration and work of the preacher, was pointed out as of great value, yea of absolute necessity.

The individual qualifications of the preacher were epitomized especially with reference to the manly bearing of the christian minister, his faithfulness in labor, especially in preaching, that the people may be converted and remain so. The advices given were illuminating and inspiring to a perfect ministry, which if followed would enable us to continually, "Add unto the church daily such as are being saved."

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EXTENSION OF TIME;—On motion of H. H. McCain an extension of time was granted.

QUESTION SIX;—Who have been continued in Trial?

(d) In Studies of the Fourth Year: Deloss H. Cassels.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE;—This was the special order of the day. With the assistance of the Secretary, the Bishop appointed J. A. Carruth, E. R. Houck and R. L. Weldon tellers. One Delegate and one Reserve were to be elected. Four ballots for delegate were taken as follows: First ballot: J. W. Hervey, 6; W. C. Mann, 3; H. H. McCain, 9; G. B. Hines, 8; J. R. Basket, 2. No election. Second ballot: J. W. Hervey, 6; W. C. Mann, 2; H. H. McCain, 12; G. B. Hines, 7. No election. Third ballot: J. W. Hervey, 6; G. B. Hines, 9; H. H. McCain, 13. No election. Fourth ballot: J. W. Hervey, 6; G. B. Hines, 6; H. H. McCain, 16. A majority being for H. H. McCain, he was declared elected.

Two ballots were taken for the Reserve Delegate as follows: First ballot: J. W. Hervey, 12; G. B. Hines, 7; W. C. Mann, 7; J. R. Basket, 2. No election. Second ballot: J. W. Hervey, 16; W. C. Mann, 6; G. B. Hines, 5; J. R. Basket, 1. A majority being for J. W. Hervey, he was declared elected.

ANNOUNCEMENT—R. L. Weldon announced the further order of the day. Chairman of the Committees announced the time and place of their respective meetings.

ADJOURNMENT;—On motion of J. R. Basket, Conference adjourned with the benediction by N. L. Sayers.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday, December 16, 1911.

OPENING DEVOTION;—This important hour was led by Rev. F. D. VanVolkinburgh, who made the prayer after singing, No, Not One, and More About Jesus.

JOURNAL;—The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

QUESTION FOUR;—Who have been received on Credentials and from what churches? Rev. R. F. Swanson from the Free

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Methodist Church. On motion of W. C. Mann, he was received in full membership, and his Orders as an Elder were recognized.

AMENDMENT;—The proposed amendment to the Constitution Appendix, chapter 3, paragraph 29—relative to the change of the day for the opening of the General Conference, was called and the vote was as follows: Two (2) for, and Twenty-eight (28) against.

QUESTION TWENTY-SIX;—What is the Statistical Report for this year? The Statistician, R. L. Weldon read the report. (See tabulated statement). On motion the report was adopted with the privilege of making all necessary changes.

ADDRESS;—The morning address of the Bishop dealt with the "Evolution of the Episcopacy." The point was made that it was present with the rise of Methodism, and gradually developed in form till the Episcopacy was fully accepted and recognized; and the General Conference as the Governing Body in Methodism. It was a most timely and convincing address, worthy of the hearing of the entire church.

RESOLUTION;—A Resolution from the New York East Conference, memorializing the General Conference to amend Chapter 7 of the Appendix of the Discipline of 1908, relative to college grades from other schools than our own, was read, and on motion was laid on the table by a unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTIONS;—Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D. Secretary of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and spoke briefly.

AFTERNOON SESSION;—On motion, a session was called for 2:30 P. M.

CONFERENCE BOARDS;—J. R. Basket read the list of Conference Boards, which were on motion approved. (See list).

DEACONESS BOARD;—On motion of G. B. Hines the Deaconess Board was elected as follows: Mrs. Marvin Pointer, Mrs. D. A. Kelly, Louis May, Mrs. R. F. Baker, R. T. Pynes, H. H. McCain, R. L. Weldon, J. A. Carruth and R. O. McClure.

EDITING JOURNAL;—On motion of H. H. McCain, the Secre-

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tary was authorized to edit the Journal; the same being the official Organ of the Conference.

BOARD OF STEWARDS;—The Legal Board of Stewards was read by the Secretary and on motion approved, the following being the list: Dr. C. A. King, Pres. and Treas.; H. H. McCain, Sec.; O. C. Stanton, W. E. Cline, W. P. Dunn, H. E. Buck and G. B. Woolman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;—The pastor, R. L. Weldon, announced the further order of the day.

ADJOURNMENT;—By expiration of time the Conference adjourned, with the singing of the Doxology and benediction by J. W. Lively.

FOURTH DAY—Dec. 16, 1911. Afternoon Session.

OPENING;—The Conference was called to order by Rev. F. D. VanVolkinburgh presiding in the absence of Bishop Neely. After singing, A Charge to Keep I Have, the Conference proceeded immediately to business.

REPORTS;—The following Committee reports were read and received: American Bible Society, F. M. Simpson; Sunday Schools, Louis May; Auditing, R. O. McClure; and Education, J. C. Duplantis.

DISCUSSION;—Dr. Bovard spoke on the appropriation from the "Children's Day Fund" as going for the help of worthy students.

QUESTION TWENTY-EIGHT;—What are the claims on the Conference Fund and How Applied? \$937, and applied as the Conference directed. (See report).

QUESTION THIRTY;—What is the amount of the 5 per cent dividend? \$12.

RESOLUTION;—On motion of N. H. Germany, the Resolution from the New York East Conference, was taken from the table for adoption. After enthusiastic discussion, the question was called. On a count vote it was found there was a tie and the chair, in view of the fact that there was not a majority for the motion, decided that it was lost.

QUESTION TWENTY-SEVEN;—What is the aggregate of the

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Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? T. E. Webb, the Treasurer, reported \$4060, and on motion was adopted with the following amendment: "A sufficient amount be deducted from the collections from Sunday Schools for Foreign Missions, to make an equalization for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension."

RESOLUTION;—F. D. VanVolkinburgh introduced a Resolution commending the administrative work of Bishop Thomas B. Neely, which was adopted by a rising vote, with prolonged applause. (See resolutions).

MOTION;—On motion of E. R. Houck, the College of Bishops were requested to return Bishop Neely to us for the next session of Conference, whether or not his Episcopal Residence be New Orleans.

ADJOURNMENT;—On motion of J. R. Basket, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. E. M. Randall.

FIFTH DAY—Monday, December 18, 1911.

OPENING DEVOTIONS;—The Conference joined heartily in singing, "Bring Them In," with prayer by E. A. Ferguson.

CHAIRMAN;—E. R. Houck was requested to take the chair in the absence of Bishop Neely.

JOURNAL;—The Journal of Saturday morning and afternoon was read, corrected and approved.

RESOLUTION;—On motion of J. R. Basket, the Resolutions on Tithing and Holiness were ordered reprinted in the Journal.

REPORTS;—The Committee on Foreign Missions presented their report by W. R. Newton; and on Book Concern and Periodicals by W. H. Germany; Board of Home Missions and Church Extension by G. B. Miner; Temperance, J. D. Pointer; Freedman's Aid Society, E. R. Houck; Sabbah Observance, J. H. Beadle.

RESOLUTIONS;—On motion of H. M. McCain, the Resolution for the "Support of Conference Veterans" was ordered reprinted in the Journal.

J. R. Basket presented a Resolution on the establishment of

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a Conference Permanent Fund for the support of the Veteran Preachers which was adopted.

INTRODUCTIONS;—Rev. M. E. Bramhall, of South Kansas Conference was introduced and greeted the Conference with a brief word.

Prof. Hubert Phillips, principal of Port Arthur Collegiate Institute, was introduced and spoke, expressing his appreciation of the sympathy and co-operation of the entire Conference in the work of the institution.

MOTIONS;—On motion of W. C. Mann the Conference voted to request the appointment of two Conference Evangelists.

G. B. Hines moved that the Bishop be requested to appoint Deloss H. Cassels, Conference Evangelist.

W. C. Mann moved that the Bishop be requested to appoint E. A. Ferguson Conference Evangelist.

On motion of J. R. Basket, F. G. Watkins was to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

CHARTER;—The proposed Charter of the Port Arthur Collegiate Institute was read by J. W. LaGrone and was on motion adopted. The Board of Trustees was read by J. W. LaGrone and was on motion approved. The following being the personnel of the entire Board:

BISHOP THOMAS B. NEELY, New Orleans, La.

W. E. CLINE, Lake Charles, La.

J. W. LaGRONE, Port Arthur, Tex.

HUBERT PHILLIPS, Port Arthur, Tex.

J. W. HERVEY, Hughes Springs, Tex.

J. A. PATTEN, Chattanooga, Tenn.

G. B. HINES, New Orleans, La.

J. HAN MYERS, New Orleans, La.

W. C. MANN, DeRidder, La.

JOHN F. CASSELS, Gloster, Miss.

CHARLES G. GATES, Port Arthur, Tex.

R. C. HOLMES, Houston, Tex.

HY. H. McCAIN, Lake Charles, La.

F. M. GREEN, Atlanta, Tex.

E. C. WILLARD, Welsh, La.

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ANNOUNCEMENT;—H. H. McCain, the Secretary, announced the collection at Anniversary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to be \$25, cash and \$60, in pledges.

MEMORIAL;—A Memorial to the General Conference from the Austin Conference on boundaries was read by J. W. LaGrone. After full discussion, it was on motion adopted. (See memorials).

REPORTS;—F. D. Van Volkinburgh presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions which was adopted. The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by J. W. Lively and adopted.

MOTIONS;—On motion of J. A. Carruth, a unanimous invitation was extended to Dr. C. M. Boswell to conduct Pentecostal Services at the next session of our Conference.

On motion of J. W. LaGrone, an invitation was extended to Dr.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That on the Seventeenth day of December, 1911, in Marshall, Texas, I ordained as Elders, Russell T. Pynes and Willis H. Germany; and as Deacons, Raymond R. Ellis, Charles C. Beasley, George W. Bolton, Albert E. Harper, Edward N. Hardin, Benjamin T. Bell, and George B. Miner, they having been duly elected by the Gulf Conference.

*THOMAS B. NEELEY,
Presiding Bishop.*

Marshall, Texas, December 18, 1911.

Edwin M. Randall to make a visit to an Epworth League Institute to be held within the bounds of the Conference. Dr. Randall being called for, made a brief, but practical and forceful address.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS;—J. W. Hervey read the list of missionary appropriations, which was on motion approved.

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DEACONESS BOARD;—The. Conference. Deaconess Board recommended the approval of Miss Maggie Wood as a Deaconess, which was adopted on motion of H. H. McCain.

APPOINTMENTS;—The Bishop made remarks after which the appointments were read.

ADJOURNMENT;—On motion of H. H. McCain, the Conference adjourned sine die after the reading of the Journal.

*Thomas B. Neely, Bishop
Presiding*

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

This certifies that the Journal Proceedings, Reports and Resolutions printed herein were made the Official Record of the Ninth Annual Session of the Gulf Conference, held in Marshall, Texas, December 13-18, 1911.

(Signed)

*Henry A. McLean,
Conference Secretary*

Disciplinary Questions

Question One—Is this Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the discipline? It is.

Question Two—Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference? Geo. B. Miner, Georgia Conference; on Trial in First Year.

Question Three—Who have been readmitted? None.

Question Four—Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? Wm. R. Newton, from United Brethren Church; Riley G. Swanson, from Free Methodist Church.

Question Five—Who have been received on trial?

(a) In studies of first year? Geo. W. Bolton, Edwin N. Hardin, Albert Lee Harper, Benjamin T. Bell, Raymond T. Ellis, Chas. C. Beasley.

(b) In studies of third year? None.

Question Six—Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In studies of first year? F. G. Watkins, Daniel Hayes, Sidney W. Edwards.

(b) In studies of second year? J. H. Beadle, F. J. Ensign, H. K. Faulk, J. B. Kenna, G. B. Miner.

(c) In studies of third year? None.

(d) In studies of fourth year? Delos H. Cassells.

Question Seven—Who have been discontinued? M. A. Farr, at his own request.

Question Eight—Who have been admitted into full membership?

(a) Elected and ordained deacons this year? None.

(b) Elected and ordained deacons previously? James D. Pointer, George L. Harper, Francisco Zito, E. A. Ferguson.

Question Nine—What members are in studies of third year?

(a) Admitted into full membership this year? Edward A. Ferguson, George L. Harper, James D. Pointer, Francisco Zito.

(b) Admitted into full membership previously?

Question Ten—What members are in studies of fourth year? Francis M. Simpson, Robert O. McClure, Joseph C. Duplantis, Judson, W. LaGrone, Reese R. Smith, Thomas F. Swanson, W. F. Bolton.

Question Eleven—What members have completed the conference course of study?

Disciplinary Questions—Continued

(a) Elected and ordained elders this year? R. T. Pynes, W. H. Germany.

(b) Elected and ordain elders previously? None.

Question Twelve—What others have been elected and ordained deacons?

(a) As local preaches. (Dis., paragraph 167, section 1)? None.

(b) Under missionary rule (Dis., paragraph 167, section 4)? Raymond R. Ellis, Geo W. Bolton, Charles C. Beasely, Albert Lee Harper, Edwin N. Hardin, Benjamin T. Bell, Geo. B. Miner.

(c) Under seminary rule (Dis., paragraph 167, section 2)? None

Question Thirteen—What others have been elected and ordained elders?

(a) As local deacons. (Dis., paragraph 170, section 1). None.

(b) Under missionary rule. (Dis., paragraph 170, section 4). None.

(c) Under seminary rule. (Dis., paragraph 170, section 3). None.

Question Fourteen—Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open conference.

Question Fifteen—Who have been transferred, and to what conferences? B. F. Deaton and Cuthbert L. Elliott, Central Tenn essee Conference.

Question Sixteen—Who have died? None.

Question Seventeen—Who have been located at their own request? None.

Question Eighteen—Who have been located? None.

Question Nineteen—Who have withdrawn? John W. Faulk.

Question Twenty—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

Question Twenty-one—Who have been expelled? None.

Question Twenty-two—What other personal notation should be made? None.

Question Twenty-three—Who are the supernumerary preachers? N. H. Oliver.

Question Twenty-four—Who are the superannuated preachers? Thomas Wilson, Julian Woodson, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, C. A. King, John W. Lively.

Question Twenty-five—Who are the triers of appeals? C. A. King, H. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann, E. R. Houck, R. L. Weldon.

Disciplinary Questions—Continued

Question Twenty-six—What is the statistical report for this year? See tabulated statements.

Question Twenty-seven—What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$4,060.

Question Twenty-eight—What are the claims on the conference fund? \$2,000.

Question Twenty-nine—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? \$937; applied according to the order of the conference.

Question Thirty—What is the amount of the five per cent of collections for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? \$12.

Question Thirty-one—Where are the preachers stationed. See list of appointments.

Question Thirty-two—Where shall the next Conference be held? Litcher.

Public Services of the Session

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

9:00 a. m.—4:00 p. m. Examinations.

8:00 p. m. Reception.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

8:30 a. m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper led by Bishop Neely, assisted by the District Superintendents.

9:00 a. m. Organization and Business.

11:30 a. m. Address by Bishop Neely.

3:00 p. m. Pentecostal Service, led by Rev. J. L. Brasher.

7:45 p. m. Song Service.

8:00 p. m. Anniversary of Board of Sunday Schools, led by Dr. David G. Downey.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14.

8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.

Public Services of the Session—Continued

- 9:00 a. m. Conference Session.
- 11:30 a. m. Address by Bishop Neely.
- 3:00 p. m. Pentecostal Service, led by Rev. J. L. Brasher.
- 4:00 p. m. Laymen's Association.
- 7:45 p. m. Song Service.
- 8:00 p. m. Anniversary Foreign Missionary Society, led by Dr. A. B. Leonard.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15.

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.
- 9:00 a. m. Conference Session.
- 9:30 a. m. Lay Electoral Conference.
- 11:30 a. m. Address by Bishop Neely.
- 2:00 p. m. Anniversary W. H. M. S., led by Mrs. E. L. Knostman.
- 3:00 p. m. Pentecostal Service, led by Rev. J. L. Brasher.
- 7:45 p. m. Song Service.
- 8:00 p. m. Anniversary Board of Education, led by Dr. W. S. Bovard.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.
- 9:00 a. m. Conference Session.
- 11:30 a. m. Address by Bishop Neely.
- 2:00 p. m. Business Session.
- 3:00 p. m. Pentecostal Service, led by Rev. J. L. Brasher.
- 7:45 p. m. Song Service.
- 8:00 p. m. Temperance Rally, led by Dr. Alfred Smith.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- 10:00 a. m. Love Feast, led by Rev. J. L. Brasher.
- 11:00 a. m. Sermon by Bishop Thomas B. Neely, followed by the Dedication of the Church.

Public Services of the Session—Continued

- 2:00 p. m. Ordination Service.
3:00 p. m. Anniversary of Epworth League, conducted by Dr. E. M. Randall.
7:45 p. m. Song Service.
8:00 p. m. Anniversary of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, by Dr. Charles M. Boswell.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18.

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.
9:00 a. m. Conference Session.
10:00 a. m. Address by Bishop Neely and Reading the Appointments.

Anniversary Woman's Home Missionary Society

Marshall, Texas, December 15, 1911.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society Anniversary was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Mrs. E. L. Knostman, Bureau Secretary for the Southwest Bureau, presiding.

The meeting opened with singing. Prayer was offered by Miss Eliza A. Page, Missionary from New Orleans. Mrs. E. L. Knostman made a few remarks with reference to the society and its work; she specially emphasized our Italian work in the city of New Orleans.

Miss Catherine Hines, who is working in that mission, spoke of her work with the children, and the coming Christmas tree festival which they are looking forward to with the greatest anticipation.

Brother F. Zito, our Italian Pastor, gave a talk full of cheer as to the future of his work. He throws himself into it with all the ardor of his nature and is reaching the people.

Mrs. Knostman made a few closing remarks. For lack of time the meeting then adjourned. We hope the brethren and friends will remember this foreign field in New Orleans and will visit it at 611 Esplanade Avenue, corner of Chatres street.

Report From Deaconess Board.

We, the Conference Deaconess Board, recommend that Miss Maggie Wood be approved as a Deaconess, within the bounds of the Gulf Conference.

R. O. McCLURE,
Secretary.

H. H. McCAIN,
Chairman.

Local Preachers

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Bemont, Wm.	Kinder, La.
DeLord, Oscar	Bayou Chene, La.
Ellis, James, (L| D|) .....	Jennings, La.
Gillam, John	Elton, La.
Hebert, W. B.	Bell City, La.
Hoag, M. A., (L. D.)	Jennings, La.
Faulk, Henry	Ebenezer, La.
Nutt, James M.	Jennings, La.
Malone, N.	Reaves, La.
Roberts, Marshall	Lake Charles, La.

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

Allen, B. B.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Black, J. M.	Hallville, Tex.
Calloway, B. C.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Campbell, J. T.	Deadwood, Tex.
Cannon, Jason N.	Lufkin, Tex.
Denning, J. F.	Troupe, Tex.
Ellington, H. L.	Legget, Tex.
Hill, Z. M.	Lufkin, Tex.
Jones, H. E.	Harleton, Tex.
LaGrone, Chas. H.	Deadwood, Tex.
Langley, Davis L.	Beckville, Tex.
Lawhorn, A. L.	Daingerfield, Tex.
McDaniel, W.	Port Arthur, Tex.
Mathews, S. H.	Neuville, Tex.
Petty, S. F.	Harleton, Tex.
Ritchie, E. T.	Saltiller, Tex.
Scott, F. M.	Wooster, Tex.
Woodall, W. B.	Longview, Tex.
Wright, R. E.	Hortense, Tex.
Wilkinson, C. V.	Lufkin, Tex.

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

Anders, T. W.	South Mansfield, La.
Baggett, T. B.	La Blanc, La.
Bennett, Q. L.	Hico, La.

Local Preachers—Continued

Bruce, G. W. (L. D.)	Provincial, La.
Farr, M. A. (L. D.)	Provincial, La.
Kane, J. F.	Ravana, Ark.
Matirne,	Rosedale, La.
McCarter, W. C.	Pineville, La.
McMahon, S. H.	DeRidder, La.
Nelson, S. B.	Shamrock, La.
Parsons, Thomas	Flora, La.
Paonter, J. W.	Quitman, La.
Richardson, W. B.	Colfax, La.
Stephens, J. O.	Natchitoches, La.
Wood, E. G.	Lottie, La.
Wynne, A. M.	DeRidder, La.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Carruth, S. E.	Auburn, Miss.
Magee, Flowers	Smithdale, Miss.
Germany, C. B.	Brookhaven, Miss.
Foster, A. S.	R. F. D., Greensburg, La.
Guy, W. L.	R. F. D. Greensburg, La.
Palmasano, A.	Liberty and Basin St., New Orleans, La.
Orcutt, Dr. J. C.	Mary Werlein Mission, New Orleans, La.
Scott, J. E.	Natalbany, La.
Roberts,, William	R. F. D., Summit, Miss.
Wilson, Thos. J.	623 Thalia St., New Orleans, La.
Thompson, Barney	Gloster, Miss.
Wilkinson, T. V.	Summit, Miss.
Williams, Robert	Summit, Miss.
Cutlip, J. C.	Hammond, La.

Sunday School Superintendents

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT

Abercrombie, J. T.	Leggett, Tex.
Baker, J. M.	Coffeeville, Tex.
Barnes, W. J.	Colmesniel, Tex.
Burnham, W. T.	Lufkin, Tex.
Collins, Robert	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Crump, W. S.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Deaton, A. E.	Rosedale, Tex.

Sunday School Superintendents—Continued

Dickard, F. E.	Hallville, Tex.
Ellington, W. D.	Shelbyville, Tex.
Ford, J. D.	Lufkin, Tex.
Forsythe, D. N.	Beckville, Tex.
Ferguson, G. C.	Deadwood, Tex.
Hughes, Ennis	Shelbyville, Tex.
Hooton, J. D.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Hovey, L. G.	La Porte, Tex.
Hudspeth, B. A.	Graceton, Tex.
Jones, Wm.	Ashland, Tex.
Lawhorn, A. L.	Daingerfield, Tex.
Longshore, W. T.	Beckville, Tex.
LaGrone, T. H.	Deadwood, Tex.
Mann, Mrs. Alice	Colmesniel, Tex.
McReady, Wm.	Woodville, Tex.
Morgan, A. M.	Iris, Tex.
Morris, Mrs. Emma	Winnsboro, Tex.
Oney, W. T.	Harleton, Tex.
Pierpont, Chas. W.	Marshall, Tex.
Palmer, C. V.	Port Arthur, Tex.
Priest, J. T.	Chester, Tex.
Quarles, J. R.	Jenkins, Tex.
Sherer, J. W.	Atlanta, Tex.
Still, R. G.	Overton, Tex.
Tyler, J. F.	Joaquin, Tex.
Woodson, Rev. Julian	Jefferson, Tex.
Willhouse, John	Texas City, Tex.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Cassells, John H.	R. F. D., Gloster, Miss.
Crum, Ivy	R. F. D., Gloster, Miss.
Gerehard, J. M.	Lutcher, La.
Fuller, Dr. R. T.	1556 Canal St., New Orleans, La.
Kenna, J. M.	R. F. D., Summit, Miss.
Furlow, W. E.	R. F. D., Summit, Miss.
Gerald, Emmet	R. F. D., Smithdale, Miss.
Montgomery, Joseph	Natalbany, La.
Cutlip, J. C.	Hammond, La.
Palmasano, A.	2426 Jackson St., New Orleans, La.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Bushart, Mrs. D.	Woodlawn, La.
Broussard, Dolsie	Sweet Lake, La.

Sunday School Superintendents—Continued

Cronk, A. J.	Gueydan, La.
Cook, Samuel	Iowa, La.
Cline, W. E.	Lake Charles, La.
Granger, Henry	Cameron, La.
Hallack, Austin	Crowley, La.
Hoff paup, David	Bell City, La.
King, N. F.	Ebenezer, La.
Malone, N.	Reaves, La.
Ruffner, E. A.	Jennings, La.
Smith, Mrs. R. A.	DeQuincey, La.
Theriot, Mrs. Sadie	Bayou Chene, La.
Theriot, Eloï	Cameron, La.
Walton, H.	Elton, La.
Willard, E. C.	Welsh, La.

NORT LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

Ahearn, Wm.	Oakdale, La.
Coon, M. C.	Vivian, La.
Fitzgerald, W. P.	Smithland, Tex.
Foster, E. O.	Hico, La.
Glass, O. C.	Ravana, Ark.
Groggsby, Fred.	Shamrock, La.
Holoman, Mrs. . H.	Longleaf, La.
Jacobs, Geo.	Oberlin, La.
Kerr, J. U.	DeRidder, La.
Lee, J. E.	Florien, La.
Martin, W. M.	Goldonna, La.
Misner, Mrs. L. E.	Pawnee, La.
Nichols, Mrs. J. T.	Rosepine, La.
Nichols, B. T.	Derry, La.
Parsons, J. W.	Flora, La.
Pierce, J. W.	Marthaville, La.
Richardson, W. B.	Pineville, La.
Russell, W. H.	Ward, La.
Sanders, Edwin	Provincial, La.
Sermen, Mrs. P.	Pickering, La.
Thomas, A. D.,	Quitman, La.
Valz, Mrs. J. H.	Randolph, La.
Waters, F. D.	Neame, La.
Webb, G. W.	Goldonna, La.
Weldon, D. R.	Marthaville, La.
Williams, J. A.	R. F. D. No. 1, Alexandria, La.

Appointments of Gulf Annual Conference.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT,
J. A. Carruth, District Superintendent,
Lake Charles, La.

Bayou Chene.....	William R. Newton
Cameron and Grand Lake.....	To be Supplied
Crowley.....	Louis May
DeQuincy.....	To be Supplied
Ebenezer and Vermillion.....	Chas. C. Beasley
Evangeline.....	To be Supplied
Gueydon and Estherwood.....	To be Supplied
Iewa and Fenton.....	J. D. Pointer
Jennings.....	E. R. Houck
Kinder, Reeves and Elton.....	N. L. Sayers
Lake Charles.....	H. H. McCain
Raymond and China.....	M. E. Bramhall
Sweet Lake.....	W. B. Hebert
Welsh.....	T. E. Webb

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT,
G. B. Hines, District Superintendent,
1537 Calliope Street, New Orleans, La.

Auburn and Smithdale.....	C. V. Wilkinson
Gloster.....	Raymond R. Ellis
Gloster Circuit.....	To be Supplied
Hammond.....	J. E. Scott
Lutcher.....	R. O. McClure
Meridian.....	W. E. Harrison
New Orleans:	
French.....	J. C. Dnplantis
Italian.....	Francisco Zito
St. Charles Avenue.....	G. B. Hines and J. C. Duplantis

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT,
J. W. Hervey, District Superintendent.
P. O. Hughes Springs, Texas.

Angelina.....	Geo. L. Harper
Atlanta.....	R. T. Pynes
Beaumont.....	R. R. Smith
Beckville and Center.....	Benjamin T. Bell
High Island and Gulf.....	To be Supplied
Hughes Springs and Ceffeeville.....	J. B. Kenna
Jasper.....	To be Supplied
La Porte.....	F. J. Ensign
Logansport and Joaquin.....	C. H. LaGrone
Longstreet and Deadwood.....	J. T. Campbell
Marshall.....	R. L. Weldon
Nacogodoches.....	To be Supplied
Noonday, Harleton and Ore City.....	F. M. Simpson

Appointments of Gulf Conference---Continued.

Overton and Jefferson.....	W. H. Germany
Polk.....	To be Supplied
Port Arthur.....	J. W. LaGrone
Sabine.....	To be Supplied
San Leon Circuit.....	To be Supplied
Shelbyville and Kirbyville.....	John Kenna
Texas City.....	J. R. Basket
Tyler, Troupe and Athens.....	J. W. Lively
Winnsboro.....	B. B. Allen
Woodville.....	R. R. Smith

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT, W C. Mann, District Superintendent, DeRidder, La.

Alexandria.....	To be Supplied
DeRidder.....	Thos. F. Swanson
DeRidder Circuit.....	A. M. Wynne
Dry Prong.....	Geo. W. Bolton
Grosse Tete.....	To be Supplied
Hudson Mission.....	Q. L. Bennett
Livonia.....	G. W. Bockhold
Longleaf.....	Albert Lee Harper
Marthaville.....	Geo. B. Miner
Oakdale and Oberlin.....	J. H. Beadle
Orange.....	Edward N. Hardin
Pineville.....	E. G. Wood
Provincial.....	H. L. Ellington
Quitman.....	R. G. Swanson
Shreveport.....	To be Supplied
Vivian.....	W. F. Bolton

Special Appointments.

E. A. Ferguson, Conference Evangelist Member, DeRidder Quarterly Conference.

Daniel Hayes, Agent American Sunday Union, Member Oakdale and Oberlin Quarterly Conference.

Haughton K. Faulk, Professor Port Arthur Collegiate Institute, Member Port Arthur Quarterly Conference.

W. E. Harrison, Professor Meridian Male College, Member Gloster Quarterly Conference.

D. H. Cassels, Conference Evangelist, Member Gloster Quarterly Conference.

Sidney W. Edwards, Missionary to Porto Rico.

F. G. Watkins, left without appointment to attend one of our Schools. Member of Kinder and Elton Quarterly Conference.

Our Dead.

“These all died in the Faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

WALTER ZIMMERMAN,
IRA N. PARDEE,
P. G. CHANEY,
JOHN T. JAMES.

Plan of Examination

No.	Examiner	Admission	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
1	Basket, J. R.....	Wesley	Sheldon	Sheldon.....	.....	..... Essay
2	Carruth, J. A.....	Elem. English....	Sermon	Green.....	.....	..... Fisher
3	Hervey, J. W.....	Blaikie .....	.....	.....	Hurst I....	.. Hurst II
4	Hines, G. B.....	Banks	Jevon	Price .....	.....	.....
5	Houck, E. R.....	Fitchett	Kirkpatrick	Essay	Ladd .....	.....
6	McCain, H. C.....	Discipline .....	.....	.....	Neeley.....	..... Seth
7	Mann, W. C.....	.....	Montgomery..	.....	Sermon .....	..... Butler
8	Webb, T. E.....	Hill & Swinton...	.....	.....	Fisher I-II	.. Fisher III
9	Weldon, R. L.....	Sermon	Kern .....	.....	Terry .....	.....

Rules of Examination

I. List of Questions shall be prepared by each Examiner, endorsed with the title of the text book, name and address of the Examiner and sent to the Registrar for filing.

II. Each Examiner shall retain one copy of his own Questions.

III. Each Examiner shall send all grades promptly to Registrar.

IV. If Student wants his grade he shall enclose with his paper a self addressed and stamped envelope.

V. The attention of all students is called to paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, Page 49, Discipline 1908.

VI. Each student is required to give a written statement to the Registrar, that he has read the books required in the course of study

VII. All essays and sermons must be in the hands of the Examiners thirty days before Conference.

VIII. There shall be no "Special Examinations" except in cases of emergency, and then only by a member of the Board delegated by the chairman.

IX. There shall be two mid-year examinations during the year. One in the spring at the time and place of the respective District Ministerial Associations, at which time students shall be required to bring up a portion of the course of study. The other one in the fall, in a location convenient to the students. These Examinations shall be under the personal supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the Chairman.

T. E. WEBB, Registrar.
Welsh, La.

R. L. WELDON, Chairman,
407 North Lafayette St.
Marshall, Texas.

Missionary Appropriations

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT

District.....	\$ 400
Angelina.....	60
Atlanta.....	180
Beckville and Center.....	200
Coffeetown.....	50
Hughes Springs.....	40
La Porte.....	100
Longstreet and Deadwood.....	60
Noonday, Harleton and Ore City.....	80
Overton and Jefferson.....	100
Polk.....	50
San Leon Circuit.....	20
Shelbyville and Kirbyville.....	125
Texas City.....	200
Tyler, Troup and Athens.....	60
Woodville.....	80
Total.....	<u>\$1805</u>

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

District.....	\$ 150
Auburn and Smithdale.....	50
Gloster.....	100
New Orleans:	
French Work.....	500
Italian Work.....	600
St. Charles Avenue.....	300
St. Charles Avenue, French Work.....	300
Total.....	<u>\$2000</u>

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

District.....	\$ 600
DeRidder Circuit.....	40
Dry Prong.....	120
Livonia.....	150
Marthaville.....	100
Oakdale and Oberlin.....	74
Pineville.....	150
Provincial.....	100
Quitman.....	170
Vivian.....	100
Total.....	<u>\$1604</u>

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District.....	\$ 391
Bayou Chene.....	150
Crowley.....	300
Ebenezer.....	100

Missionary Appropriations—Continued

Gueydan and Estherwood.....	100
Iowa and Fenton.....	100
Kinder and Elton.....	100
Raymond and China.....	50
Total	\$1291

Report of the Conference Stewards

RECEIPTS FOR ANNUITY FUND

Dividend from Book Concern.....	\$322.00
Dividend from Chartered Fund	30.00
Dividend from Annual Conference Fund.....	36.82
Dividend from Preachers' Aid Society.....	.....
Part of the "Support" from Churches.....	.....
Receipts from Other Sources.....	5.00
TOTAL	\$393.82
Disciplinary Annuity.....	\$9.80 per year
Annuity Actually Paid	4.85 per year
Amount Forward to Special Fund.....	\$ 2.82

RECEIPTS FOR SPECIAL FUND

Dividend from the Connectional Fund.....	\$300.00
Dividend from the Annual Conference Funds	343.50
Dividend from Preachers' Aid Society .....	.....
Part of "Support" from Churches.....	.....
Receipts from Other Sources	2.82
TOTAL	\$546.32
Average Salary (not including house rent) of Effective Preachers.....	\$688.00
Basis of Annuity for each year of service (1-70 of average salary)	9.80
Annuity Actually Paid this year.....	4.85
Apportionment for Support of Conference Claimants next year..	525.00
Amount Forward to 1912 .....	.32

DISBURSEMENTS

N. B.—The full, legal Disciplinary Annuity Claim is \$9.80 per year.
The Annuity Actually Paid is \$4.85 per year.

Report of Conference Stewards—Continued

No.	NAME AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	Years Effective	Total Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Allowed From Special Fund	Total Amount Paid
1	King, C. A., Lake Charles, La...	45	\$441	\$218	\$.....	\$218
2	Lively, J. W., Marshall, Tex.....	13	127	63	37	100
3	VanVolkinburgh, F. D., New Orleans, La.....	10	98	48	133	181
4	Woodson, Julian, Jefferson, Tex...	9	88	43	185	228
5	Wilson, Thos., Sabine, Tex.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50
6	James, Mrs. John T., 124 North Coates Street, Staunton, Va.....	4	39	19	141	160
		81	\$793	\$391	\$546	\$937

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EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

Bishop Neely and Fellow-workmen, Honored representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fathers and Brethren: Here in the beautiful city of Marshall, metropolis of North East Texas, we greet you! Beautiful for situation, she is builded on the highest elevation in East Texas.

Historic and significant surroundings are ours this day. They seem to speak to us of

“Life otherwhere in epochs long since fled.”

We come as soldiers—the spirit of conquest is in our veins. The fountain of perpetual life giving power allures us; and better fate than befell the lonely, disappointed, heart-broken Ponce de Leon is ours to know. For to us the discovery is effected. Eternal life is found. The fountain opened on Calvary’s brow hath touched our lives with reinvigorated power and sent us forth more than conquerors. Today.

“We march, we march to victory.

With the cross of the Lord before us.

With His loving eye looking down from the sky

And His holy arms spread o’er us.

We come in the might of the Lord of light,

A joyful host to meet him.

And we put to flight the armies of night,

That the sons of the day may greet Him.”

Our field of action is bounded by rivers and seas. In length it reaches “from the rivers to the ends of the earth”—from the

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Red River to where its feet are bathed in the Mexican sea, where

“The ocean heaves resistlessly
And pours his glittering treasure forth;
His waves—the priesthood of the sea—
Kneel on the shell-gemmed earth,
And there emit a hollow sound,
As if they murmured praise and prayer;
All nature worships there.”

Privileged thus in our surroundings, eye-witnesses of transition marvelous to behold—messengers of truth an angel might covet to carry, we are assembled, by God's great mercy, once again at our Jerusalem.

Brethren, our Conference is more honored today than ever. We are grateful to the Church for the coming of all previous bishops and general officers. They have refreshed our spirits, 'tis an honor great and worthy of our note that we are finding favor in the eyes of the Church and that great men, representative of all the Boards and departments of our great Methodism visit us annually.

All hail to you, Bishop Neely, you have encouraged us and your scholarly brain, wise counsel and brotherly administration hath blessed us. We rejoice in your coming again.

To you and the representatives of our church and to my fellow-workmen, “that ye might know our affairs” and that it “may comfort your hearts.” I now make report:

Methodism with her applied Christianity has intrenched herself in East Texas. The critical period has passed. The record of the past several years is inspirational and suggestive. Reduced to the mathematical standard of measurement we enroll a membership (including probationers) of 1776 souls. We close the year with a gain of 376. In addition thereto must be considered 1200 adherents whose sympathetic support makes possible a still greater future.

This membership is grouped into seventeen pastoral charges, radiating into fifty-four preaching appointments. There are now thirty-five Sunday schools, a gain of five during the year; while the gospel, as a winged angel has flown to eight additional congregations during the year.

Our pastors are in large part native to the soil and have grown up with the conditions which obtain. We have twenty-three local preachers and three exhorters who are associated as important factors in our work. Several of these are doing admirable work as

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pastors and from their ranks the Conference is drawing every year to recruit its membership.

We hold recommendations for admission into the Annual Conference of one man who has worked faithfully. Two of our men have completed the Conference course of study and shall ask for Holy Orders.

By virtue of the splendid co-operation and noble benefaction generously granted by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, most of the charges now have one or more houses of worship which are giving great prestige and far reaching influence to the permanency of our work.

There are now in the East Texas District fourteen appointments where we need and will build churches—just as rapidly as financial means will justify. To the accomplishment of this task we plead for the continued moral and financial support of the Church.

We have two new churches to report valued at \$2,250. We have paid \$2,500 on Church and Parsonage debts this year and have expended about \$600. on improvements of property.

The year 1911 has witnessed a marked progress in the deepening and more firmly establishing of the organized work as well as entering open doors of opportunity.

Since the first of the year our Conference and Church School at Port Arthur has become a reality and under the leadership of Prof. Hubert Phillips as Principal and a strong faculty, marches on to victory. The student body numbers nearly one hundred, others are coming. If this school is made to succeed (and this we doubt not, provided our preachers and people support it) it will serve as a drawing card for the church and a tie to the concentration of our work in the South.

Some of our people have the Macedonian spirit in their efforts to meet the demands of the work. I fear there will be some deficit shown on the salaries and also on the amounts apportioned for the Benevolences. This is not because the causes have not had our attention (they have been presented and worked for), but there is a general scarcity of money the country over. To this all business interests testify. We look confidently for a better day.

We now have a Sunday School army of 1568, being a gain of 450 over last year. One hundred and fifty conversions are reported from these schools during the year. We have eight Epworth League Chapters, a gain of four over last year. We expect to organize into a District League soon. About 400 souls have been admitted to our ranks, 300 baptisms, with an approximation of 1,000

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professions of grace either of conversion, reclamation or sanctification tell the story in part of 1911. We believe the fruitage will justify the confidence of the Church and rejoice to know that East Texas Methodism is a mighty factor in the development of a people whose faces are toward the morning of mental and moral emancipation.

The most of our charges are large circuits and demand all the time of the Pastors. To do the work assigned them, they must ride hundreds of miles. Two of our Pastors have walked their circuits this year. These large parishes and their Pastors remind me of the Missionary whom Chaucer characterized:

“Wide was his parish, the houses far asunder,
But he ceased not, neither for rain nor thunder.
In sickness or in health to visit
The furthest in his parish little or great.”

But the preacher toiling here in, what some call, a hard field, deprived of books and a thousand comforts has his compensation still. For no priest or prophecy, no Bible or liturgy, no vision on Patmos itself, ever exceeded the inspiration which comes to a man from the simple doing of his duty.

We are standing today on advanced ground. We have opposition. It is of two classes, first, that which opposes all good, any and everywhere, then they who ought to be our friends and encourage us, sometimes lift up their heels against us. But we must not magnify this opposition, to do so may mean defeat. We fight not men, but sin. We accept the task. Significant it is that our workers unhesitatingly pay the price of service and are faithful to the trust. We have read that Tennyson, walking in the garden of a friend one day, was asked what he thought of Jesus Christ. He stopped and plucked a flower, and then replied: “What the sun is to that flower, Jesus Christ is to my soul.” Our workers keep sweet by keeping in the pure sunlight of God’s love as it shines upon us through our blessed Lord and Christ.

Such is the general view. Pass with me now into a closer viewpoint, that we may see each charge to itself, briefly.

Angelina Circuit has been supplied by C. V. Wilkinson. The year’s work speaks for itself. The organization of two good classes, which adds two new appointments. Successful revivals were held and 50 additions to the membership. One new Sunday school organized. A nice Tabernacle was built which will be fin-

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ished and turned into a church. The charge is in better condition than ever.

Atlanta Station, R. T. Pynes, Pastor. This is its first year as a station. The experiment has proven very successful. Good revival in the church. More additions than all the other four churches of the city combined. The church has been re-papered and otherwise repaired. The pastor has been faithful and is in favor with the church and town. Benevolences paid in full and prospects good for a fine new church in the near future.

Beaumont, R. R. Smith has preached in this city monthly since spring, and has held a revival in North Beaumont. The future for our church is encouraging. We have a few members and we hope to organize more permanently the coming year.

Beckville, Dr. J. W. Lively, one of the organizers of the Gulf Conference, full of years and labors, moved his good wife from her comfortable home in this city to the humble Parsonage in Beckville. This was done because they loved the Gospel more than this world. They have been happy, visiting all the people and preaching to one and all. Brother Pynes held the revival at Rock Hill. A few additions have been made to the membership.

Center and Neuville has been pastored by J. B. Kenna in connection with the Shelbyville Circuit. Both of these towns are on the Santa Fe R. R. Center is the county seat of Shelby County and is a good town of about 3,000 inhabitants. Many of our people from the old town of Shelbyville have moved to Center, so we already have a goodly number of Methodists as a nucleus with which to work. There was not much to be done this year except to work silently, so the Pastor has faithfully visited the people and preached when he could. One of our men, at our suggestion, bought an old church building which is admirably located and can be fitted up for our use. We are going to ask the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to grant us a loan to help reimburse brother Martin and then we shall begin in earnest. A fine opportunity is ours.

Coffeeville was cut off the Noonday circuit last Conference, together with two other appointments and B. C. Callaway appointed as supply. The experiment was not altogether satisfactory, but in part the work has prospered. Revival meetings were held and twelve accessions made to our church.

Hughes Springs Circuit. B. T. Bell has closed his second year with a good report. There are now four good church buildings, all free of debt. The new church at Iron Bluff of which we spoke

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at last Conference was completed in the spring. Its value is \$1250. We dedicated it on the 18th of June. A beautiful day with 600 people greeted us that Sabbath and it was a profitable occasion. Sunday schools and Prayer meetings are in operation as usual. Good revivals were held and about thirty-seven additions to the membership. Brother Bell has labored faithfully and his daughters were important helpers in the revivals. I must not forget the Ladies Aid at Hughes Springs. They have worked and thus helped to demolish the Parsonage debt.

Jasper is still an unoccupied field by us. It was left to be supplied and evangelized, but we were unable to do so this year. We want it left on the list of appointments and our probation extended another year.

Kirbyville and Silsbe have been supplied with T. J. Jacks the greater part of the year. In the early part of the year Brother Wm. Bennett held a revival at Kirbyville which resulted in the organization of a good sized class, which has been added to until we now have a membership of thirty or more. The main need at present is a place to worship. This we hope to have before next Conference. Kirbyville is a town of four or five thousand people. We also have a good class at Calls, four miles from Kirbyville. At Silsbe we have not done much yet.

Longstreet and Deadwood, C. H. LaGrone Pastor. This is the man who doubled his membership last year. Of course this can't be done every year. But listen, he comes with a good report: Successful revivals, thirty-three additions to the membership, the Sunday schools doing good work and now they have built a nice new church at Deadwood, which is nearing completion. The value of this church will be \$1250.

LaPorte Station, F. J. Ensign closes his second year and he can return. He is young, single and very active. The church is thoroughly organized and in all departments conform to Methodist ideals. The Class meeting and Epworth League are very interesting features. They recently had a revival, J. A. Carruth, pastor at Texas City, did the preaching. Some additions have been made to the church property and some additions to the membership. At Deer Park, Brother Ensign preaches Sunday afternoons and maintains a Sunday school. LaPorte is beautifully situated at the juncture of the Galveston and San Jacinto Bays. In this territory we expect to create a new charge.

Marshall Station has had the best year in its history. Brother Weldon has a loyal band who co-operate with him in every way

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for the promotion of the church. A perennial revival has been obtained through the year, and thirty-six additions have been made to the church. The old long-standing church debt which has stood over the congregation like a night-mare, thus discouraging them, has been paid this year and will be dedicated at this session of Conference by Bishop Neely. The raising of this debt meant the collecting of \$1350. The Ladies Aid has served the church in no inconsiderate manner. They are paying on the Parsonage debt which will soon be obliterated. For Marshall this has been an all-round year of work and blessing.

At Noonday and Harleton F. M. Simpson has so labored and prayed that his parishioners want him returned. Two new classes have been organized and all other points on the circuit strengthened by revivals. There have been forty-two accessions and one new Local Preacher. The parsonage was painted by the Pastor.

At Overton and Jefferson, W. H. Germany is so in favor with his people until they want him back. Two Epworth Leagues have been organized and the Sunday schools enlarged. The young people at both places are rallying to church work as never before. Churches well organized and in good working order. Some substantial repairs have been made on the Jefferson church.

The Polk circuit was supplied by R. E. Wright. This good man has walked the charge and preached and visited from house to house. Some forward steps have been taken on the work.

At Port Arthur. J. W. LaGrone has closed his fourth year with the best annual report in the church's history. More additions than any previous year. Church well organized in all departments with a better standing in the city and a greater future than ever before. The pastor has not only led his church up the way, but has labored untiringly in the interest of Port Arthur Collegiate Institute. The school is indeed an important factor in the development of the church life. Its faculty are active members of the local congregation.

J. B. Kenna has brought up a splendid report from the Shelbyville circuit. Great revivals. Many additions to the membership. Material advancement. The pastor has driven "Jim and the buggy" 2875 miles in filling his appointments and visiting the people. At the old town of Shelbyville the first Methodist Episcopal sermon was preached in Texas. The work does well.

Texas City. J. A. Carruth has filled this important station in an acceptable manner. The year has been crowded with work which resulted in the thorough organization of the church in all

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departments and in placing it on a firmer basis. The city has had a magic growth and it has been the purpose of the pastor to keep the church apace with the material progress of the city. Brother Carruth is a good mixer and has worked himself into the interests of the people and seems to have a good hold on them.

Winnsboro. A two-point work with two church buildings has been supplied by B. T. Bell in connection with his pastorate at Hughes Springs. A splendid year's work with revivals and thirty-seven additions to the membership is the result.

Woodville Circuit. R. R. Smith has done his work faithfully. Brother Smith is careful and painstaking with his work and he always brings a good report to Conference. Revivals have been held and thus the work has been strengthened. A splendid Epworth League has been organized in Woodville with a membership of about seventy-five. The young people of the town all seem to be interested in our League.

The Benevolences have been presented in all the above charges.

PROPERTY INTERESTS.

Material assets are ours. We have thirty-one Churches, valued at \$44,475; and nine Parsonages valued at \$10,150.

We owed at the beginning of the year \$3,567 on our property. We have paid on this indebtedness \$2,000, leaving a \$1,576 debt to begin with in 1912.

There have been 2,500 sermons preached by Pastors and Local Preachers this year. And an approximation of 3,200 Pastoral visits made. Please indulge a word of personal reference. The Superintendent has traveled his district which means traversing 13,500 miles by rail and 1,000 miles by private conveyance. He has held the Quarterly Conferences, visited the different appointments preached 140 sermons, and has overseen the temporal and spiritual economy of the church.

This has been an all-round year of blessing and progress. An advance in all congregations; the work better developed and sustained. Finances not up to the desired mark because of money stringency, but the present outlook increasingly encouraging.

This is our view-point vision. The year's toil has intensified it and it is here recorded. Results of the year achieved intensify my appreciation of the splendid co-laborers on this District. There is a comradeship and warmth of heart in fellowship, as we touch elbows in the conflict, that makes us of closest kin. My associates are influential for good because they desire to be. To be useful

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to men and dear to God is a cherished thought with them. Early and late, when they wake, and when they go to sleep, God's service is on their minds and in their hearts.

The year past has been full of care, but no known duty has been neglected. As we have labored, we have been cheered and comforted by the vision of a future for this South-Land, resplendent with the glory of Him whose power alone can bring emancipation for mind and heart.

The brotherhood of hearts now co-operating here has power to rest the weary and give each other strength to go on to renewed victory.

We have passed the gray dawn—the initial point of our work and East Texas Methodism is ascending annually nearer the goal of final conquest, 1911 is ended and its record rests with God. Let Dr. Van Dyke's "Psalm of the Helpers" cheer us as we now enter the new year.

"The ways of the world are full of haste and turmoil:
I will sing of the tribe of helpers who travel in peace"—

"He that turneth from the road to rescue another,

Turneth toward his goal:

He shall arrive in due time by the foot-path of mercy,

God will be his guide:

He that taketh up the burden of the fainting,

Lighteneth his own load:

The Almighty will put his arms underneath him.

He shall lean upon the Lord.

He that speaketh comfortable words to mourners,

Healeth his own heart:

In his time of grief they will return to remembrance,

God will use them for balm.

He that careth for the sick and wounded,

Watcheth not alone:

There are three in the darkness together,

And the third is the Lord.

Blessed is the way of the helpers:

The companions of the Christ."

Sincerely yours in service.

JAS. W. HERVEY,

Superintendent.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Mr. President and Members of the Conference:

In making my second annual report of the Southern District, I wish to recognize the goodness of God and the graciousness of His Providence in sparing the lives and preserving the health of the working force of our District this year.

You are aware of the fact that our District was made smaller last year, leaving us only twelve regular appointments, one nominal and one that disappears from the list of appointments this year. Under many difficulties, the work has gone steadily forward and we are much ahead of where we were last year.

My preachers—God bless them!—some of them have labored under many difficulties, but they have wrought well with skill and energy, and so far as I am able to judge, with good will in building up the Master's Kingdom, and our noble laymen, generally, have been loyal to the interests of the Church.

REVIVALS.

Our battle cry for the year was, "One for one" and a revival in every church." For the whole year we have labored to that end. Most of the Churches have made revival efforts during the year. Most of my preachers are of the evangelistic type. It has been my privilege to assist four of my pastors in special revival efforts and at three of these charges, the Lord gave us a signal victory. Many sinners were converted, many backsliders were reclaimed and quite a number of believers were sanctified.

The Lord gave us an old-time revival at Ebenezer with which the community was moved with the Holy Ghost as it has not been for many years. I have not seen or been in a meeting of greater power for twenty years. Both old and young came weeping their way to the altar and found peace to their souls. At Woodlawn, with Bro. J. D. Pointer as pastor, we held forth for God and preached to large congregations, 95 per cent of which were French Catholics. Old and young were saved and one old man 72 years old, a French Catholic, gloriously saved. From this revival comes a new church. I also assisted Bro. W. R. Newton at Bayou Chene and the Lord gave us a great meeting. With Bro. W. B. Hebert, at Sweet Lawe, we held a meeting and the Lord gave us a signal victory. I also assisted Bro. Dan Hayes at DeQuincy, but there did not seem to be much move. However, the church was gotten together and things began to look better. Revival efforts were

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made at Welsh, Crowley, Bell City, Iowa, Kinder and Elton. Of the definite results, I am not able to say.

In all my preaching special emphasis was laid on the fundamental doctrines of our Church, Repentance, Regeneration, Witness of the Spirit and Sanctification of the believers. I have found scarcely no objection to any of these cardinal and fundamental tenets of "Our Fathers in Methodism." If there was an objection, it was to the new birth. Converted people do not object to the doctrine of holiness.

MEMBERSHIP.

We have the usual number received by letter and also dismissed by letter. This is always true with a moving population. We started out with 1,194 full members and 104 probationers. Had we been true to our battle cry we would show a membership of over 2,000. But such is not the case. Instead of 2,000 we have something over 200 full members and probationers who have been received into our church in the District for the year. Our ranks have been thinned by the death of eleven of our members. Three new preaching places have been opened up with prospects for more another year. Evangeline disappears from the list of appointments owing to the oil field going down. Some of our pastors have revised their church records which have needed it for years and that will affect our sum total.

NEW CHURCHES.

We have two new churches in process of erection, at an expense of \$2 500. One of them is closed in so that we can use it and the other will soon be so we can use if I mistake not. At Woodlawn, lots have been secured for a church, and the subscription list is being made now for the church. This church will be largely for a French Catholic congregation.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Under the leadership of Bro. May, our church at Crowley has been completely overhauled, having a new coat of paint on the outside and paper and hard oil on the inside. The parsonage has also been improved.

We now have in the town of Crowley one of the nicest and neatest churches in the town and among the best of the Conference. Our church at Ebenezer has been finished. The parsonage at Welsh has been improved under Bro. Webb's administration. Also the parsonage at Jennings has been improved and the people of Lake Charles have given their church on the inside a complete renova-

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tion and now presents an elegant appearance. We have bought and partially paid for a arsonage at Gueydan.

INDEBTEDNESS.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension asked for a settlement of a loan of \$250.00 with accrued interest on Lake View, or now known as Grand Lake Church. This loan was made about nineteen years ago. Services have been abandoned at this place for years. The people have all moved away and the church is about to fall down. With no members I was powerless to do anything and the amount of \$375.00 was taken from our donation as a Conference at the parent office. This I was sorry to do, and hope this next year to place a man there among those French people and try to rehabilitate that church. All such loans which are not paid back cripple or hinder our work.

I also found DeQuincy with a debt of \$230.00, our property mortgaged and the mortgage due when Conference adjourned. But I went on the scene and helped to start a movement that has paid off the mortgage and thus we are no longer embarrassed at that place only with our opportunity and location of church.

Our church at Welsh at the beginning of my term last year had a \$900.00 debt hanging over it. The matter was taken up at the Fourth Quarterly Conference and I expect to report that the entire indebtedness has been covered and our church there free from all shadows.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School Institute held by Drs. Edgar Blake and W. Crawford Barclay and Mrs. Lyda at Lake Charles gave our Sunday School workers an inspiration which was helpful and I feel sure better work has been done as a result of that excellent corps of workers coming to our midst. What we really need is a Sunday School Missionary in this needy field.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We have six Epworth League organizations on our District and they are doing good work. They have assisted the pastors in raising benevolences and have done faithful work in co-operation with the pastors in pressing the Kingdom for the Master.

BENEVOLENCES.

We started out with good plans for all of our benevolences. I think in most cases we have made good. But the extreme season this year has made it very hard for getting money. But all the benevolences have had a faithful and careful attention and I feel

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sure the results will be gratifying. Special emphasis has been given to Home Missions and Church Extension, and also the Foreign Mission and Conference Claimants. The effects have been both pleasing and the results have been good. Some of our churches have doubled the former collections, others show an increase and some have let their standard down.

SALARIES.

In most cases the salaries have been paid in full, or to a large degree. A few places have advanced the salaries and others should do so. I have urged upon the laymen the importance of paying all in full and making salaries so that their preachers could live respectably and keep out of debt. There ought to be an advance along this line or we are not going to be able to get and hold good men for this most difficult mission field.

PASTORS.

When Conference adjourned, I had four places without pastors. For awhile, it looked gloomy, but by the help of the Lord I soon secured pastors for all the charges and the work has moved along nicely ever since. Two of my preachers left their works and it was some time before I secured preachers for them, but since they came on the work, they have made a most excellent showing.

I would like to mention each pastor by name and tell what good and faithful work each has done, and likewise tell of his difficulties, but time would fail me to tell of the Brethren who through faith have subdued Kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of the fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness waxed strong, waxed valiant in fight turned to flight the armies of aliens and have obtained a good report through faith. Suffice it to say, they have all done faithful work this year and I have done my best to supervise them.

CONCLUSION.

I give praise to God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ for the mercies of the past, the blessings of the present, and for the promises of the future. I desire, especially to thank Him for this body of faithful preachers and their faithful wives who have labored with us in the Gospel; also for our splendid body of laymen who so faithfully have labored with us in this glorious cause.

If on my part, at any time, there has been any lack of fidelity to this sacred trust, I crave the pardon of the Great Head of The

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Church, and profiting by the many mistakes of the past, I hopefully turn to the future with a morning face.

Though my District was reduced last year, this year has been a very strenuous year to me, and but for the touch of the Great Physician, I should never have been able to have done the work. Our needs are very many and I need not take time to mention them now. Our prospects are much brighter than they were a year ago. I am glad to have had the opportunity of serving the Southern District for another year, and today I stand ready for marching orders again.

I love the church of my childhood which gave me three generations of Methodists for my ancestry, dating back to the sainted Asbury. I love her sacred doctrines of repentance for sin, conversion of sinners, the Witness of the Holy Spirit to the heart of the believer, and the sanctification of the heart of the believer in this present life, and I love her flaming message of evangelism. If we hold sacred these her sacred and essential Fundamentals we shall know no defeat.

Bishop, I am again ready to say, "Here am I, send me." For I KNOW that the future is as bright as the unfailing promises of God and His Son Jesus Christ, who said: "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

JAMES R. BASKET.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and members of the Gulf Conference.

Dear Brethren: During the early part of the year my health would not permit me to give to the District the attention it demanded, but through the good providence of God, and the kindness of friends and the skill of my physician I was enabled to remain on the District and hold all of the Quarterly Meetings for the year.

In bringing to you my second report from the New Orleans District as it is now arranged, I come with an optimistic message which I trust will be borne out by the facts as they really exist. It is written that some "have eyes but do not see." Perhaps I have eyes to see things that do not exist, but if I am put out of the Synagogue for doing so, I must re-affirm a part of the report I brought to you a year ago, from which I quote the following paragraph: "The people everywhere are calling for our preachers, young men are earnestly inquiring about our work, the future looks bright and

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there is daylight everywhere." Two splendid young men come up from the New Orleans District for admission on trial, and another will be ready for work after his graduation in May.

At Gloster, Miss., we have three appointments. H. K. Faulk was assigned to this Charge at our last Conference. He had hardly gotten into his work when he was called to Port Arthur Collegiate Institute. Bro. Faulk recommended R. R. Ellis, a bright young man from Meridian, Mississippi, Male College. He took up the work where Bro. Faulk had laid it down, and made about one hundred and ninety pastoral calls in the first six weeks and prayed and read the Bible in nearly every home. As a result, of this faithful service, the charge has steadily gone forward and there is a good healthy increase on all lines. The Trustees have several hundred dollars on hand with which they will erect a Parsonage. There are more Congregations calling for us than we can possibly supply. The need of the hour is young men fully consecrated to the Home Missionary work, and some money to open new doors that are all around us to be entered.

Auburn and Smithdale, is a charge just forty miles east of Gloster, among a very fine class of Mississippians, who love our church and want our preachers. There are four Appointments on this Circuit and all but one have maintained their reputation for progress in their different communities. Rev. C. C. Beasley has supplied the work this year and has been untiring in his efforts to keep the Charge in a healthy condition.

Lutcher, La., was served by Rev. R. O. McClure. Ours is the only Protestant Church in this territory, containing many thousands of people. The Sunday School has doubled this year, the benevolent collections are four times as large as they have ever been and although there have been no special revival services, about thirty members have been taken into the church. The building has been repainted and a new room has been added to accommodate the Bible Class which is taught by the pastor. The Epworth League is doing well and the Ladies' Aid has been busy all the year in its line of work. The last Quarterly Conference sent up a strong petition inviting the next session of the Conference to meet at Lutcher and they will entertain us royally.

Rev. Francisco Zito has been pastor of our First Italian Church in New Orleans. He is doing a splendid work among his people. They have about seventy members and they are located in one of the most desirable sections for an Italian church which could be found in the City. The material is on the ground with which we

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expect to build a substantial church in the very near future. Miss Eliza Page, assisted by my daughter Cathrine, are doing a splendid work among the women and children. Mrs. E. L. Knostman has made it possible for this to be done and has shown an interest in the Italians which is bearing fruit among this people.

Rev. J. C. Duplantis was appointed to French Mission and Assistant Pastor at St. Charles Ave. He rented a building at the beginning of the year near the City Park, paying the rent out of his salary, and has been conducting preaching service and Sunday school except when he was filling the pulpit at the Church on the Avenue. He has helped a great deal in the preaching and prayer meetings and was of invaluable service during my illness in the early part of the year.

At St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, we have a good Sunday school, a splendid Ladies Aid society, two well attended prayer meetings each week, a growing congregation, and the Epworth League has an average attendance of twenty-eight. Our Sunday School Superintendent, Dr. Fuller, is unsurpassed for interest and work in the school. His efforts are being rewarded by a constant increase in attendance.

Rev. F. D. VanVankenburgh, who is one of our Superannuated ministers, living in New Orleans, has been doing work through the year as opportunities offered, and his preaching has been very acceptable to the congregations to which he has ministered. By the assistance of his son, Rev. W. B. VanValkinburgh, he was enabled to visit New England during the past summer. While his son was away in Europe Bro. VanValkenburgh filled his pulpit, and the Official Board gives a splendid report of his work. He has also assisted in revivals and during the summer was pastor at the College. He also sent us a very fine young man to supply Gloster Charge who comes up to this Conference for admission on trial.

Delos H. Cassels is our Conference Evangelist. He has been holding revivals and preaching as the opportunity offered. He has also been of great benefit to our pastor and church at Gloster where he resides.

I have reserved the Hammond and Natalbany report in order that I might mention another matter which occurred this year in another part of the Conference. Two events have happened this year in the Gulf Conference which perhaps have never happened before in Methodism. The first, was the unprecedented gift of Port Arthur Collegiate Institute by the late John W. Gates. This

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magnificent gift was made to our church upon such reasonable conditions, that we might call it an outright donation.

The second unusual thing that happened in the Gulf Conference was the gift of a beautiful church by the Natalbany Lumber Company. It is worth not less than \$5,000 and is furnished with hymn books, opera chairs, two good organs for church and Sunday school rooms. An up-to-date building in every way, and it did not cost the church one cent. J. E. Scott has supplied this Charge this year, and has done a splendid work. It is due to his tireless efforts that the Company made us this magnificent gift. He has laboured so well that Hammond and Natalbany Charge will have to have two preachers this year instead of one.

I was never more convinced than now that God is leading the Conference. The cloud can be seen by day and the pillar of fire by night. Occupying a position on the Gulf Coast in sight of the Panama Canal, where in a few years millions of human souls will be living, I have a vision that the work of the Gulf Conference has hardly begun. Let us possess the land at once for we are well able to do it.

G. B. HINES.

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

Dear Bishop and Brethren of the Gulf Conference:

As your District Superintendent of North Louisiana District I submit, to you, the following report: We have had a good year; we have had substantial gains on every charge, with one or two exceptions. Leesville, Orange, DeRidder and Oakdale charges have suffered, financially, because of the saw mills shutting down, as we have several sawmill appointments on these charges. Owing to the financial condition it has been very hard on our pastors to serve these charges this year. Also our benevolence will be short as a result. Especialy is this true of Leesville and Orange charges. During the year we held a revival, organized a class, bought land and built a good comfortable church at Pineville. We have also good substantial churches at Goldonwa and Vivian. We have organized several new classes this year which has made possible the organization of the new charges.

God has given us a revival on every charge on the district. We have had 800 professions of conversion or sanctification and 300 accessions to one church. The Sunday school will show a good increase and salaries of pastors and District Superintendent have

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been increased. Our benevolences have been presented by pastors and District Superintendent and collections taken.

TERRITORY.—This District embraces all of the northern portion of the State of Louisiana. Within the bounds of this district there is some of the richest land in the South, yielding annually large crops of corn, cotton, sugar cane and alfalfa. Where thousands of acres of the finest timber in the South, with numerous sawmills which give employment to hundreds of men. We have some twenty-five railways operating within our bounds, six rivers flow through our borders and prosperous towns and cities abound.

OUR WORK.—We work among the English and French speaking people, the greater part being among the English, however, we are not neglecting the French. Our Sister churches, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church, have for years been doing work in the bounds of this district and many, if not all the best towns, have been entered by them. Within the bounds of this district, however, are many small towns and great stretches of country, with good land, thrifty settlers, where neither of these churches have gone; these places we are trying to work. We are also studying carefully every town of importance in the district and wherever we are needed we are entering them as fast as we can secure men and money with which to work them. Some of the best towns in this district are open to us. Our present need is money with which to work them. The emmigration from the North and West to this section, and the rapid development of the country makes this an opportune time for us. We, as a church, cannot afford to neglect this section of the country. Railroads are being built in every direction, new towns are being built, the land is producing large paying crops and thousands of people are settling in Middle and North Louisiana. This is a good field of labor for the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DeRidder, Rev. T. F. Swanson, pastor. DeRidder is a good, growing town, with 3,000 inhabitants. Here we have a station, self-supporting, with property valued at \$2,700. We have 144 members, with good prayer meeting, Sunday school, Epworth League and Ladies' Aid Society. De Ridder is a promising charge.

Dry Prong, Rev. G. W. Bolton, pastor. This charge has four churches with three church buildings, 143 members, three Sunday schools, and good prayer meetings. We are the only Methodist on this charge. During the year we have built a good church build-

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ing at Goldowna on this charge valued at \$1,000. Bro. Bolton has done excellent work.

Leesville, Rev. G. B. Miner, pastor. At Conference this charge was supplied by Rev. F. S. Robinson who resigned the 4th Sunday in February and Rev. G. B. Miner was transferred from the Georgia Conference and stationed at Leesville. This charge consists of three appointments, sixty-four members, two Sunday schools, prayer meetings and Ladies Aid Society. Bro. Miner is a good man and has done us good, faithful work.

Livonia, Rev. J. H. Beadle, pastor. This charge is in a French Catholic country. On this charge we have one church building, two lots at Livonia and one at Lottie, and \$350 in bank with which to build at Lottie. We have thirty-six members and seven preaching appointments. This is a very needy field. At six of these seven appointments our pastor is the only Protestant preacher. Bro. Beadle has done excellent work in this hard field.

Magda, Rev. E. G. Wood, supply. On this charge at the beginning of the year we only had two small classes. Magda and Marco. During the year we have held a meeting, organized a class, bought land and built a nice, substantial church at Pineville, a town of 1,500 or 2,000 inhabitants. We now have three classes, two church buildings, sixty-four members. This charge promises well.

Marthaville, Rev. M. A. Farr, pastor. The charge has three classes, four appointments, 137 members, three Sunday schools, and three prayer meetings. This is a good charge and promises well.

Oakdale, Rev. A. L. Harper, supply. This charge at the beginning of the year had only three classes and two church buildings. We now have seven appointments and the charge will be divided into two Oakdale and Longleaf. We have ninety-two members, five Sunday schools with good prayer meetings.

Orange, Rev. E. N. Hardin, pastor. This charge consists of four classes and one church building, seventy-six members, one Sunday school and one Ladies Aid Society. During the year Bro. Hardin organized a class at Pickering which is doing good work.

Provencal, Rev. S. B. Nelson, supply. On this charge we have three classes, one church building, a lot at Weavers upon which one will be built in the near future. We have seventy-one members, two Sunday schools and good prayer meetings. This charge is in a needy field and promises well.

Quitman, Q. L. Bennett, supply. This charge consists of three

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classes, one church building, 117 members, three Sunday schools with good prayer meetings. This is a new charge, we organized in northern part of the state, which will soon make one of our best charges.

Vivian, Rev. W. F. Bolton, pastor. Here we have five classes with three church buildings, 107 members, four Sunday schools and good prayer meetings. Vivian is a rapidly growing town and Bro. Bolton is completing a good substantial church in Vivian. This charge promises well.

A Word Personal. I have traveled 12,942 miles this year, preached 257 sermons and had the pleasure of seeing 234 converted or sanctified in my meetings. The year's work has been pleasant, the brethren kind, and considerate. The Lord has blessed in every department of the work. May the Lord continue His blessings upon us.

Fraternally,

W. C. MANN.

Lay Electoral Conference

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Gulf Annual Conference convened December 14, 1911, in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, Marshall Texas.

Mr. H. S. Williams was elected chairman and Mrs. Hubert Phillips secretary.

A Committee on Credentials consisting of Dr. R. T. Fuller, Mr. J. D. Ford and Judge A. C. Smith was appointed. While the committee was examining the credentials of delegates the Conference united in a song and prayer was offered by Rev. Scott. The Credential Committee reported that all the credentials handed in were valid. The fact then developed that about seven people were present without credentials, but who had been elected delegates to the convention. After a little discussion it was voted to seat all those that had a right to a seat. The Conference then proceeded to vote for delegate to the General Conference of 1912. W. E. Cline of Lake Charles, La., was elected on the ninth ballot. After taking this ballot the Conference adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. At that hour the Conference met. The first matter taken up was the reading of a communication from the Laymen's Association of the New York Conference requesting action and co-operation with them to bring about the following three changes in our church polity:

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First, the personal supervision of the appointing power. Second, the abolition of office of District Superintendent. Third, Lay Representation in the Annual Conference. The first of these was acted upon favorably. The other two were laid on the table. Ballots were then ordered for the election of Reserve Delegate. On the first ballot Judge A. C. Smith of Atlanta, Texas, was elected. The Conference then instructed the Secretary to communicate with the Pastor and officials of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Marshall, Texas, and to thank them for granting the Conference the use of their church. The Conference then adjourned.

MRS. HUBERT PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

H. S. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

Memorial on Conference Boundary

WHEREAS, The Austin Conference has declared its desire to be absorbed by the Oklahoma Conference, and has memorialized the General Conference of 1912 to that end,

RESOLVED, That the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church does hereby memorialize the General Conference of 1912 to change the southern and western boundaries of the Gulf Conference to read as follows: Beginning at the city of Brownsville, Texas, running northwest along the Rio Grande river to Devil's river, a point on the Southern Pacific railroad, thence east along the Southern Pacific railroad to San Antonio; thence northeast along the International and Great Northern railroad through the city of Austin to Hearne; thence north along the Houston and Texas Central railroad to Ennis; thence northeast along the Texas Midland and Frisco railroad to the Red river. All intermediate points to be in the Gulf Conference.

Resolutions

RESOLVED, That we have greatly enjoyed having with us: Dr. Leonard, Gen'l Secretary of our Foreign Missionary Board; Dr. Downey of our General Sunday School Board; Dr. Boswell, Assistant General Secretary of our Home Mission and Church Extension Board; Dr. Clemens, Special Traveling Agent of our Board on Conference Claimants; Dr. Bovard, Vice President of our Chat-

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tanooga University; Dr. Smith, General Secretary of our Temperance Society; S. H. Thompson, representing the Advocate Journal and also our Book Concern; Dr. Randall, General Secretary of the Epworth League Board; and Prof. Phillips, Principal of Port Arthur Collegiate Institute.

These brethren have cheered us by their presence and inspired us anew with their words of wisdom and counsel. Gladly will we welcome the coming of any or all of them to any of our future Conference sessions.

We have been pleased to have with us Mrs. E. L. Knostman of our Woman's Home Missionary Society, and have been delighted with her optimistic spirit and instructive addresses.

We would not fail in this connection to express our joy at having with us Rev. J. L. Brasher, Evangelist of the Alabama Conference. The Pentecostal Services conducted by him have been a benediction to our souls, as well as the means, under God, of bringing some "out of darkness into light" and some into the blessed experience of perfect love. We pray the blessings of our God upon his labors, wherever he may go, and we will be glad to have him visit us on our works, or at our Conference Session as he may find opportunity.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH,

Chairman.

RESOLVED, That while gas is cheap in Marshall, we would be indeed obtuse if we have not been thoroughly convinced by our treatment by her citizens while here that the cordial words of welcome with which we were saluted on our arrival were from the hearts of her large headed, big hearted and wonderfully progressive citizens.

We are almost convinced that the United States is the greatest nation in the world, and that Texas is the greatest state in the union and Marshall the banner town or city in the state. And at the risk of being accused of being fulsome in our words of praise we cannot avoid adding that Marshall has "outheroded Herod" on this occasion. The royal and natural manner in which we have been entertained has won our hearts and filled our mouths with praise and each of us feels as in the "John Gilpin race" when the next Conference visits Marshall may we be there to see and enjoy.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH,

Chairman.

RESOLVED, That the Conference extends to R. L. Weldon, our Marshall Pastor, for his careful and kind attention to our wants, and for his uniform kindnesses to us while here, our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH,

RESOLVED, That we feel it in our hearts to extend our thanks to our worthy Secretaries and their assistants for their attention to business, as well as for the fine and brotherly spirit manifested by them in the management of our business and in their intercourse with us as brethren.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH,

Chairman.

RESOLVED, That the urbanity and uniform kindness and bro-

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therly spirit of Bishop Neely has endeared him to our hearts. His exposition of church law and discourses on the organization, past history and development of our ecclesiastical organization have brought information as well as encouragement and hope to us, as a part of this mighty militant host called the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America. His expeditious, yet careful and considerate handling of the conference business has manifested his skill as well as knowledge as to what and now it should be done. We are glad to have had him with us as our resident Bishop and shall gladly welcome him at any and all times when he shall be chosen in the providence of God to preside over us.

We wish also in this connection to express our thanks to the Bishop for the sincere interest he has so graciously manifested on all occasions and in all places in the welfare and success of our Conference and in our work in the South generally. He has been devoted in attention and service to this field which has been his official residence. He has inspired the people and preachers and brought many important things to a successful issue in this section of the Church.

We, the Gulf Annual Conference, wish to express our sincere hope that he may long be spared as an effective overseer in this high office of our beloved Methodism.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH,
Chairman Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, This is a young and growing Conference and there is a move all over Methodism for providing for their own Conference Claimants; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, as a Conference, pledge \$5.00 each from our regular tithe money to be sent to the Treasurer of our Conference for a permanent fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we request our District Superintendents to see that each of our preachers make the said remittance.

J. R. BASKET.

TITHING.

WHEREAS, We believe that the Word of God, the Old Testament plainly teaches that one tenth of our income belongs to the Lord, and nowhere in the New Testament can there be found anything contrary to this teaching that would indicate a less amount, and

WHEREAS, Our Discipline also teaches the duty of tithing as scriptural (paragraph 70); and

WHEREAS, The pressing needs of our Church, here and else-

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where, are such we feel that this should be the least proportionate of our giving; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Marshall, Texas, that we endorse and adopt the tithe method of giving unto the Lord, as our financial plan of systematic giving.

Second. That we join ourselves together in a league, pledging ourselves to appropriate this tithe first to the financial obligations of our respective charges until all such obligations have been fully met.

Third. That we will begin a campaign on the tithe method among our people and will seek to organize tithing bands in all of our Churches.

HOLINESS.

Introduced by James R. Basket.

WHEREAS, Our Discipline says: "In 1729 two young men in England, reading the Bible saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it and incited others to do so. In 1737 they saw, likewise, that men are justified before they are sanctified," and

WHEREAS, All our books on doctrine in our course of study for young preachers teach this Bible truth of entire sanctification clearly and emphatically; and

WHEREAS, "Our Church is the only Church in history from Apostolic times until now that has put forward as its very elemental thought, the great all-pervading central idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end, the holiness of the human heart, soul, mind and will;" and

WHEREAS, Our Church has always been loyal to this grand Despotism of Methodism; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Marshall, Texas, that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness and in her attitude toward those seeking the higher life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we invite the co-operation of all those who love the Church and hold this truth in wisdom to unite with us in spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands.

REPORTS

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS

The Book Concern of the Methodist Episcopal Church has no superior. Some seventeen years ago she celebrated her one hundredth anniversary. During these years she has climbed from a borrowed capital of \$600 to a paying institution, giving an annual dividend this year of \$20,000.00 to the Veteran Preachers' Fund. One emphatic characteristic of this establishment is that it expresses the business ability of the ministry.

The quality of our literature will bear investigation. The books coming from our shelves are amongst the best placed on the markets. Whether it be fiction or a religious treatise, our publications will stand the test. With publishing houses and depositories in Chicago, Kansas City, San Francisco, Pittsburg, Detroit, New York and Cincinnati we are amply capacitated to meet the ever increasing demand.

Our immediate church papers demand our interest and recognition. There has been an increase in the circulation of the Meth. Adv. Jour. from 150 in 1910, to over 400 in 1911. The publishers consider that the subscriptions in this conference ought to go beyond the 1000 mark.

There has been an increase of the Central Christian Adv., which, with the exception of the N. Y. Adv. has the largest circulation of any other paper of Methodism.

A reading people are a ready people. The first best way to disseminate Methodist doctrine and polity is to preach it. The next best is for our literature to become widespread: Let us bestir ourselves and strive to create within our church a hunger and thirst for these treasures within these silent pages. In them we hear the voice of the centuries. In them we hear the tramp of those mighty leaders of the past. In them are silently gleaming the light of immortal hope. Get the people to read, and thus become the better acquainted with the Fathers.

W. H. GERMANY,

J. C. DUPLANTIS,

A. LEE HARPER.

FOREIGN MISSION.

The Methodist Episcopal Church began their first foreign missionary work about seventy-eight years ago. At first, it seemed that

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little could be done except to pray that doors might be opened. Doors were opened, we entered, and much has been accomplished. Our work has grown, until today, we have over four hundred thousand communicants in the foreign field.

But when we consider the millions of people yet unevangelized, many of whom are calling for our help, we conclude that our great work really has just begun. There are one hundred and fifty million of people in the foreign field yet untouched by the Gospel of Jesus, to whom our church must go, or they will die without having heard that there be any Christ.

It is also true, (though we are having marvelous success) that at this rate of progress we cannot reach more than twenty-five or fifty million of these people in a generation. This means that from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five millions must die and go to the judgment without hearing of Jesus and His love.

We also observe that at this time, when calls were never so urgent, and demands greater, our Missionary Board has the embarrassment of an indebtedness of one hundred and seventy thousand dollars. Therefore, we recommend, first, that each Pastor ask himself the question, "What part have I in this great matter?" And, second, having decided this, go forth and give the people the most needed information.

FIRST—By preaching earnestly on this subject.

SECOND—By placing our paper "World Wide Mission" in every home possible.

THIRD—By distributing other missionary literature furnished by our Board.

FOURTH—By observing the monthly Missionary Prayer meeting

FIFTH—By observing the monthly Missionary Sunday in the Sunday School.

We further urge that each Pastor see to it that the plan of the discipline be carried out in taking this most important offering, and also, that each Pastor give prompt attention to the special call, soon to be sent out by the missionary board, the purpose of which is to liquidate our present indebtedness.

If the above suggestions are carried out, we believe that the most gratifying results will follow, and hasten the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. CARRUTH,

W. R. NEWTON,

Committee.

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TEMPERANCE.

It is a weel known fact that the Methodist Episcopal Church is a leader in all moral reforms. Her ministry always co-operates in every good word and work. The recent victories achieved over the liquor traffic are very encouraging for which we thank Almighty God. We desire to express our appreciation for the noble work being done by the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League.

We pledge our continued co-operation and support in the war that is being waged against the liquor traffic.

We welcome to our conference Rev. Alfred Smith, Assistant Field Secretary of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and have heard with interest of the work of this young society. We are in sympathy with the work of the society and pledge our co-operation and support.

R. T. PYNES, Chairman.

J. D. POINTER.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

We often hear the question asked, "What is the Freedmen's Aid Society?" The Freedmen's Aid Society is particularly an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose special function is the moral and intellectual development of our colored people in the home land. We heartily endorse the work done by this society. We look with admiration upon the twenty-three institutions which she is striving to help. Therefore we accept cheerfully the apportionment of the General Committee asking the Gulf Conference to raise the sum of \$260. We recommend to our Pastors and churches the observance of "Lincoln's Day," and the presentation of this cause in every congregation in the Gulf Conference. Having full confidence that Christian education among our colored people is the best method of solving the race problem.

E. R. HOUCK, Chairman,

R. T. PYNES.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

There is a growing tendency to use the Sabbath as a day for playing ball or pool, theater going, for business travel, for hunting

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and other sports, and for many kinds of secular work. Such use of the Sabbath, for recreation and business will lower the capacity of the body for labor, and destroy the moral sense in the soul. It will keep the people from going to church and tend to draw away those who are already there; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, by definite preaching on Sabbath observance, by watchfulness of legislation in state and city, and by example strive to make the observance of the Sabbath such as we believe God would have it.

DR. W. E. HARRISON, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Realizing that the Sunday School is one of the greatest institutions in the world and upon its success depends largely the growth of the Church, we, therefore, recommend that our pastors in the various charges use their utmost wisdom in promoting this great work.

We thank Dr. Downey for his liberal offers to assist us in this effort, and for his two strong addresses that stirred our hearts.

LOUIS MAY.

AUDITING.

After examining the records submitted to us we find that all the money received by the treasurer from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has been checked out and duly accounted for. The secretary's book show that the amount of \$6.39 is now in his hands.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. MC CLURE, Chairman.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Recognizing the fact that the American Bible Society is one of the great factors of the Christian Church, that it has distributed ninety million volumes of the Scriptures over the world; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the pastors of the Gulf Conference, do all in our power to get this worthy cause before our people, by speaking of the society, by spreading literature, and by taking collections for the same.

F. M. SIMPSON, Chairman.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Under the head "Foreward Movements" the League is foremost.

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This organization is a progressive league. According to reports 154 chapters had their being, and there was an increase in the membership of nearly 6,000 during last year.

We are proud of the part the League has played in interesting our young people in the study of the Bible. Words of gratitude are coming from the ends of the earth as a result of their missionary efforts.

The League Institutes held in the different sections of the land are invaluable, and we trust and pray that in the near future we may have an Institute within the bounds of the Gulf Conference.

Let us suggest that such steps be taken. Port Arthur, the home of our Conference Collegiate Institute would be a most ideal place for such a gathering some time during the summer months.

We are proud of our League paper—one of the best, if not the best, periodical published by a young people's organization. If we would keep in touch with the work of this great army of young people within our church, let us have an Epworth Herald in every home, and may our motto be "A Chapter in every charge."

FRANK J. ENSIGN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

We believe the Methodist Episcopal Church to be the largest, and one of the most efficient factors, of any religious organization, in the evangelization of the world. And believing it necessary to save our own country that others might be saved, there has been organized within the Church, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, "Worthy of all acceptance," and of greatest importance in accomplishing this object. To save America is the quickest solution of the problem of evangelizing the world.

When in the rush of present day life, we pause a moment and look the existing facts of this fair south land of ours squarely in the face; when we see the millions of foreigners coming to our shores, and millions of others who are already lost, and drifting with the current of time; the many hungry souls all about us with inadequate places of worship, our hearts are touched with a feeling akin to that of the blessed Christ when on that memorable occasion He stepped out of the little ship on the shores of the historic and sacred Galilee, "And seeing the multitude He was moved with com-

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passion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd, "and we are moved to pray the Lord of the harvest that He send forth more laborers into the field.

Then, when we consider, what has been and is still being done by our beloved Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; their noble spirit of evangelism, the great number of churches they have helped and are still helping to build; hear their battle cry, "America for Christ;" our hearts are again touched, and we hear the Master saying to our own Gulf Conference, "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward." Brethren, let us go forward in the matter of our contribution of time, talent and tithe.

We desire to express our hearty appreciation to the Board for the increase in the appropriation this year, and also to Dr. Chas. M. Boswell for his presence and inspiring addresses and hope to meet him again in our annual session next year.

THOS. E. WEBB.

R. L. WELDON

G. B. MINER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We believe that the Board of Education is one of the most important organizations of our church, and that a lack of appreciation for same is a confession of ignorance concerning the invaluable part it plays in the progress of the church, by assisting annually an increasing number of young men for the great tasks of life in relation to the Church.

We therefore request our pastors to study carefully this vast enterprise that its opportunities may be presented with intelligence to our young membership.

In accordance with the plan of the Board of Education, we urge the Superintendents to apportion to our charges 25 cents per member as the regular educational collection in each charge; the amount to be divided between our Institute and the Board in proportion of 80 per cent to Port Arthur Collegiate Institute and 20 per cent to the General Board.

In view of the fact that hundreds of our young people are in schools practically supported by the Childrens Day fund, we pledge

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ourselves to observe Children's Day and at that time, present to the Sunday School this fund and to forward this collection to New York City. We suggest that the Children's Day program, as prepared by the Board of Education be used by the pastors on that occasion.

The splendid outlook for Port Arthur Collegiate Institute is a source of rejoicing to us. We desire to commend the incessant labors of Principal Philips. We also desire the sympathy and prayers of the pastors, realizing that a great effort must be put forth if the institution meet the needs and expectations of the young people within the bounds of our conference.

J. C. DUPLANTIS.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME	BORN	Entered Ministry		Cons'd. Bishop	RESIDENCE
		Conference	Year		
Thomas Bowman	July 15 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Hy. W. Warren	Jan. 4 1831	New England	1855	1880	University Park, Colo.
John M. Walden	Feb. 11 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, Ohio
John H. Vincent	Feb. 23 1832	New Jersey	1882	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
Earl Cranston	June 27 1840	Ohio	1860	1900	Washington, D. C.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4 1837	Ohio	1867	1896	Cincinnati, Ohio
J. W. Hamilton	Mar. 18 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	Boston, Mass.
Joseph F. Berry	May 13 1850	Detroit	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Wm. McDowell	Feb. 4 1850	North Ohio	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
J. W. Bashford	May 25 1849	New England	1883	1904	Shanghai, China
William Burt	Oct. 22 1852	East New York	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerland
Luther B. Wilson	1856	Baltimore	1878	1904	Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas B. Neely	1841	Philadelphia	1865	1904	New Orleans, La.
W. F. Anderson	Apr. 26 1860	New York	1887	1908	Chattanooga, Tenn.
John L. Nielson	Jan. 19 1867	West Germany	1888	1908	Omaha, Nebraska
Wilson S. Lewis	July 17 1857	Upper Iowa	1884	1908	Foochow, China
E. W. Hughes	Dec. 7 1866	Iowa	1886	1908	San Francisco, Cal.
Robert McIntyre	Nov. 20 1851	Illinois	1878	1908	St. Paul, Minnesota
Wm. A. Qualye	June 26 1861	Kansas	1886	1908	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Chas. W. Smith	Jan. 4 1840	Pittsburg	1859	1908	Portland, Oregon
F. M. Bristol	Jan. 4 1851			1908	Buenos Ayres, S. A.

MISSIONARY BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Thoburn, J. N.	Mar. 7 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	150 Fifth Ave., New York
Hartzell, Jos. C.	June 1 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Islands
Warne, F. W.	Dec. 31 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Lucknow, India
Scott, I. B.	Sept. 30 1854	Tennessee	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia
Oldham, Wm. F.	Dec. 15 1850	Michigan	1883	1904	Singapore, Straits Settlements
Robinson, J. E.	July 9 1894	South Indiana	1874	1904	Bombay, India
Harris, M. C.	July 9 1846	Japan	1873	1904	Seoul, Korea

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NAME OF CHARGE	Membership		Baptism		Epworth Leagues		CHURCH PROPERTY						SUNDAY SCHOOLS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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NAME OF CHARGE	MEMBER-SHIP				BAP-TISMS		EPWORTH LEAGUES				CHURCH PROPERTY						SUNDAY SCHOOLS										
	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children Baptised.	Adults Baptised.	Senior Chapters.	No. Members.	Junior Chapters.	No. Members.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Buildings and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness.	Present Indebtedness.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars of All Grades.	Average Attendance.	Members Home Department.	Children and Cradle Roll.	Officers and Teachers, Church Members or Pro.	No. Scholars Who Are Church Members or Pro.	The Conversions in Sunday School This Year.	Current Expenses.	Paid Board of Sunday Schools.
Auburn and Smithdale.....	285	9	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3600	1	800	07	.....	.....	3	19	240	225	16	9	19	235	.....	25	2
Gloster	7	50	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1500	.....	425	.....	.....	.....	2	14	125	79	19	19	14	100	.....	28	.....
Gloster Circuit.....	6	80	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	35	18	35	10	6	30	4	15	.....
Hammond	5	42	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6200	1	1000	500	.....	.....	2	13	200	150	14	16	12	30	.....	1	.....
Lutcher.....	45	.....	.....	.....	5	11	.....	.....	.....	1	2800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	107	85	1	18	12	44	16	48	.....
New Orleans .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
French Mission .....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Italian Mission.....	6	72	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6000	.....	30	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Charles Avenue	4	119	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5000	1	5000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals 1911.....	28	693	20	5	21	11	3	66	9	70500	3	6800	962	3000	8618	12	96	852	662	68	87	85	479	37	174	27

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NAME OF CHARGE	MEMBER-SHIP				BAP-TISMS		EPWORTH LEAGUES				CHURCH PROPERTY						SUNDAY SCHOOLS												
	No. Probationers.	No. Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. Deaths.	Children Baptised.	Adults Baptised.	Senior Chapters.	No. Members.	Junior Chapters.	No. Members.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness.	Present Indebtedness.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars in All Grades.	Average Attendance.	Members Home Department.	Members on Cradle Roll.	Officers and Teachers, Church Mem-bers or Probationers.	Scholars Who Are Church Members or Probationers.	No. Conversions in Sunday School This Year.	Current Expenses.	Paid Board of Sunday Schools.	
Alexandria.....	17	110	4	..	5	12	..	..	..	..	1	2700	..	..	409	15	465	2	5	60	30	..	..	5	35	15	..	15	4
Creston.....	5	127	2	..	18	9	..	..	..	..	3	2300	..	..	409	..	..	3	8	10	75	..	..	6	29	18	..	18	1
DeRider.....	2	130	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	2	600	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	169	90	..	..	14	30	5	..	25	2
Dry Pond.....	6	65	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	1500	..	..	600	..	300	2	7	45	43	10	..	5	9	..	36	1	
Leesville.....	64	30	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	30	20	..	..	4	15	10	..	10	2
Livonia.....	137	2	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	13	160	100	..	..	10	75	20	16	3	3
Magda.....	137	2	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	2	2500	..	..	75	..	411	5	25	261	151	..	..	11	65	20	78	3	3
Marthaville.....	111	1	..	..	7	6	..	..	..	..	2	2500	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	35	18	..	..	6	..	12	..	12	1
Oakdale.....	9	67	1	..	9	10	..	..	..	..	1	1000	..	..	50	..	..	2	10	40	30	..	..	5	..	8	..	5	5
Orange.....	83	2	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	300	..	..	..	..	..	3	15	125	100	..	..	10	60	30	24	..	2
Provincial.....	117	2	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	1	800	..	..	300	..	..	3	15	125	100	..	..	10	60	30	24	..	2
Putnam.....	108	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2800	1	1400	104	..	400	2	6	50	20	..	..	4	12	4	10	..	2
Shreveport.....	39	1149	15	4	56	65	15	14500	1	1400	2478	222	1576	25	116	1095	677	20	53	80	340	104	249	16	16
Vivian.....
Totals 1911.....

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NAME OF CHARGE	MEMBER-SHIP		BAP-TISMS	EPWORTH LEAGUES		CHURCH PROPERTY										SUNDAY SCHOOLS													
	Probationers.	Full Members.		Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children Baptised.	Adults Baptised.	Senior Chapters.	No. Members.	Junior Chapters.	No. Members.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Buildings and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness.	Present Indebtedness.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars of All Grades.	Average Attendance.	Members Home Department.	Members Cradle Roll.	Officers and Teachers, Church Members or Pro.	No. Scholars Who Are Church Members or Pro.	The Conversions in Sunday School This Year.	Current Expenses.	Paid Board of Sunday Schools.
Bayou Chene.....	20	208	...	...	15	3	1	19	...	3	1400	...	80	...	...	...	40	3	24	184	120	...	...	63	24	...	35	3
Bell City.....	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	65	37	...	...	7	...	2	28	2
Cameron.....	12	75	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	375	...	...	15	135	3	8	70	55	...	...	8	...	...	1	1
Crowley.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
DeQuincy.....	18	51	3	...	18	8	1	25	1	29	1	2000	1	300	30	8	342	2	17	100	55	...	...	6	...	...	34	...
Ebenezer.....	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elton.....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Estherwood.....	1	75	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evangeline.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa.....	17	95	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jennings.....	5	195	2	8	...	1	1	30	1	60	1	3500	1	2000	133	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kinder.....	15	78	3	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Charles.....	36	151	1	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Welsh.....	7	98	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals 1911.....	131	1218	10	11	74	15	6	222	3	119	15	34100	8	11500	2021	92	2173	21	197	1486	954	58	139	182	349	94	783	61	

Note:---The decrease on this District is to be considered in view of the fact that Port Arthur, LaPort and Texas City were added to the East Texas District. By Conference action. H. H. McCann, Secretary.

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NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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East Texas.....	397	249	30	8	22	62	79	4	14	17	1	1	16	25	3	50	978
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North Louisiana.....	90	90	6	7	16	15	39	2	4	1	16	3	16	305
Southern	820	679	50	35	60	62	129	7	12	18	4	7	55	36	8	58	2040
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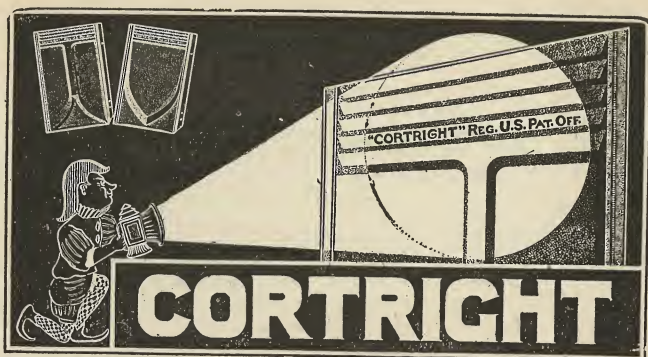
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